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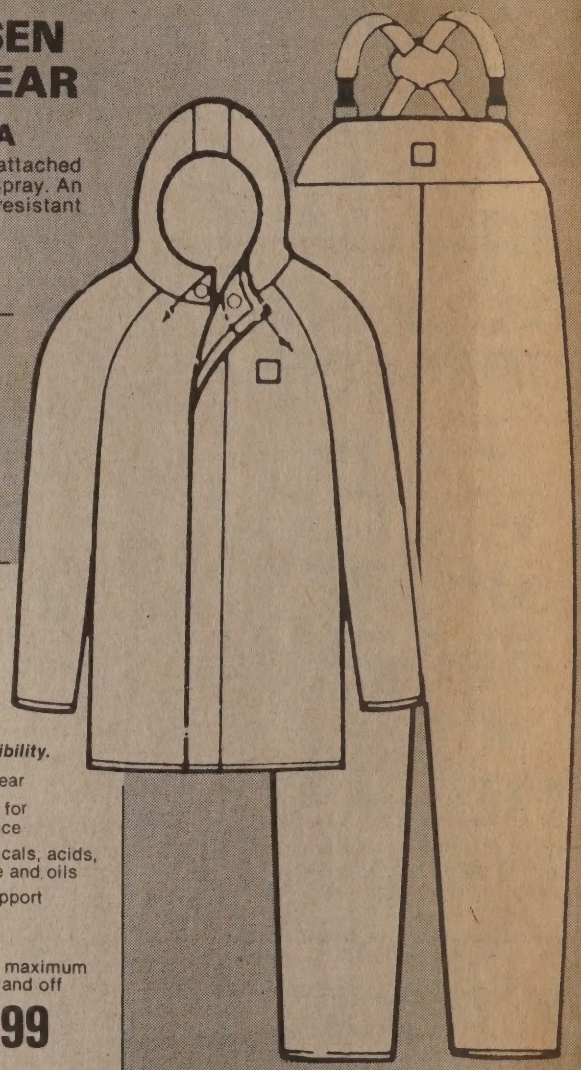

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ABOUT THE COVER:

Long Island's inshore wrecks and reefs play host to some quality fluke fishing this month. This one was culled from a wreck located outside Jones Inlet. You'll find more on this late summer - early fall fishery on page 26. Photo by Dick Mermon.

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For more information and to reserve your seat, call Barry Babich at (718) 667-5990 or Linda Petrosino at 1-718-946-6978.

BASIC BOATING COURSE OFFERED THIS FALL

Whether you own a boat, are thinking of buying a boat, or just want to learn more about boating, water safety, or seamanship, Brooklyn Power Squadron's basic boating course is for you.

This fall the Brooklyn Power Squadron, which was founded in 1918, will be offering a basic boating course to the public. The course is free, however, a nominal fee is charged for course materials.

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For those who find downtown Brooklyn more convenient, registration and the first class of the 12 week course will be offered at St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St., just a half block from Brooklyn Borough Hall, on Thursday, September 17th, from 7:30 to 9PM.

Safe boating is no accident. You are invited to attend to gain knowledge and build the confidence needed to spend a more enjoyable time on the water.

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Further information about the course is available from Lt. Ruth Appel, (718) 377-7283.

BOATING SKILLS COURSE

Fotilla 11-5 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has announced that once again they will render their famous Boating Skills and Safety Course. This is (to those who wish it) the longest and most practical 19-lesson course as given by the Auxiliary. The course is geared to prepare the student for the new auxiliary coastal piloting course. The course deals with advanced coastal navigation. The course is led by the 3rd Northern Auxiliary Public Education Officer whose staff includes former Coast Guard navigation officers, licensed captains, sailboat instructors and master engine mechanics.

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The course starts on January 26, 1988 at the Diamond Point Y.C., located at 1350 Pearedgat Ave., in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn. Lessons will be given very Tuesday night from 8PM to 10PM. A small fee will be charged to those persons receiving materials (our brochure will explain). After graduation, two post graduate lessons will be rendered which will explain Loran C, compass calibration on your boat and how to buy a safe boat. All graduated students will receive a handsome diploma, which is supplied by the Coast Guard.

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The Moriches Bay Power Squadron is pleased to announce their semi-annual Safe Boating Course will be held at the old Center Moriches High School beginning on Tuesday, September 15th. Registration begins at 7:30PM (regular class time 8-10).

This worthwhile course is available to the entire boating public with the intent to educate recreational, sail

and power boaters throughout the United States.

Subjects covered throughout the course are as follows: know your boat; equipment, safety, operations and requirements; boat handling/rules of the road; seamanship; charts and aids to navigation; basic navigation; boat trailering; weather and coastal boating; engine trouble; sailing; and piloting.

With the never ending increase of recreational boaters in our Long Island area, and with accidents growing in the same proportion, your support in spreading the word about about course would be greatly appreciated.

For further information, please call our Educational Officer, Warren Burch at (516) 878-1887 or Marie Homan at (516) 898-1177.

FREE BOATING COURSE IN QUEENS

The Bayside Power Squadron, a unit of U.S. Power Squadrons consisting of over 50,000 members, will offer its free, 11-session boating course this fall at the following locations: Flushing H.S., 35-01 Union St., Tuesday, Sept. 15; I.S. 74, L.I.E. and Oceania Avenue, Wednesday, Sept. 16; Forest Hills H.S., 67-01 110 St., Thursday, Sept. 17. Classes start at 8PM.

Topics included are: know your boat; equipment, regulations and safe operation; boat handling; elementary seamanship; charts and aids to navigation; basic navigation; boat trailering; weather, regional boating; coastal boating; Great Lakes boating; inland lake and river boating; engine trouble-shooting; sailing; and piloting.

For additional information call: (718) 263-4371; (718) 631-1150.

UPDATE TO WRECK VALLEY

Due to a recent discovery made during a Scuba exhibition, and in order to keep its publications as accurate as possible, Aqua Explorers Inc., would like to update information on Dan Berg's book "Wreck Valley." It has been determined that the G&D Wreck which lies 14 miles out of Jones Inlet, Long Island, NY in 110 feet of water should be considered an unidentified shipwreck and not the Durley Chine as it was formerly assumed to be.

On June 28th, a group of divers from the Atlantic Wreck Divers Club ran an expedition to the wreck known as Bacardi. According to Brad Sheard the Bacardi received its name by the charter captain who originally found the site. In order to return to the sport again he marked the wreck with a weighted line and a marker made from a corked bottle of Bacardi rum. Thus, the wreck has since beeen known to local divers and fishermen as "The Bacardi."

Rick Jaszyn, who is one of the top East Coast wreck divers and a member of the Atlantic Wreck Divers found and recovered the ship's bell. Inscribed on it were the words "S.S. Durley Chine-1913-Cardiff."

This artifact, a prized find for any diver positively identified the formerly known Bacardi wreck as the Durley Chine, a Canadian cargo vessel.

The Durley Chine was built in Sunderland, England, by the Osbourne, Grahm and Co. shipbuilders in 1913. Her 279 foot length and 40.1 foot beam were powered by 209 NHP triple expansion engines.

For further information on Long Island's shipwrecks, please refer to Wreck Valley: A Record of Shipwrecks off Long Island's South Shore. Copies are available for $10.95 plus $2 p/h. A plastic laminated Loran C Coordinate list is available for $14.95 plus $1 p/h. Mail your orders to: Aqua Explorers, Inc., 22 Maiden Lane, Lynbrook, NY 11563.

SEAMANSHIP COURSE IN

Flotilla 1-1 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has announced that they will offer their Public Education Class Sailing and Seamanship.

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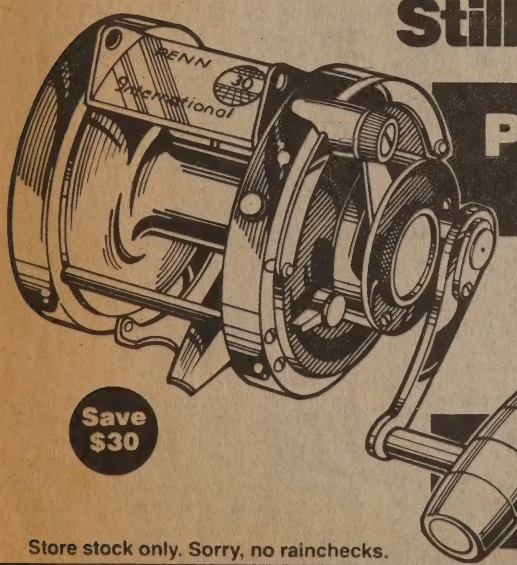

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Product Review

DAIWA ACCU-SET SPINNING REELS

by Pete Barrett

Daiwa has been a long time producer of quality spinning reels and in fact, the tackle industry's switch to skirted spool spinning reels began somewhere around twenty or so years ago with the initial crop of Daiwa spinning reels. They were different since most other reels sported the more traditional cupped rotating head design that surrounded the spool, but they were also good and soon began building a reputation as sturdy, high quality products. By 1980, there was hardly a cupped reel to be found on dealers' shelves.

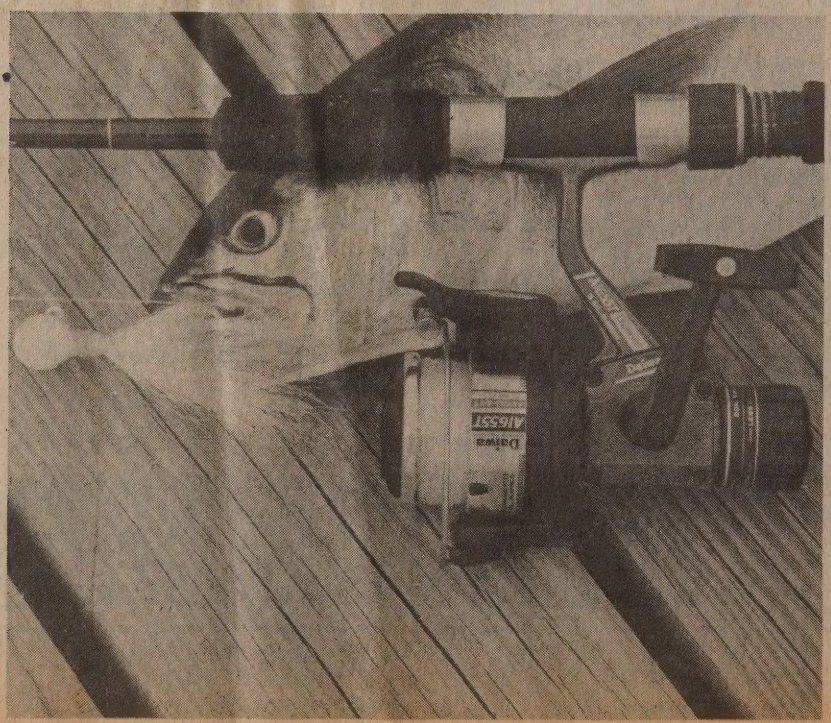
Daiwa continues to take fishermen a step closer to perfection by introducing new ideas even today. You'd think spinning reels had been designed so much, by so many people and engineers that nothing new could be squeezed out of them, yet Daiwa managed to make a significant contribution to reel design with their new Accu-set reels.

I saw the first Accu-set spinning reel at the 1986 American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers trade show and leaned on the good graces of Bob Birchler, head of the rep group that has been promoting Daiwa in the Northeast for decades.

Bob sent me a mid-range size reel, the A1655T, known as the Tournament series and I quickly put it to work on fast fish like bonito, tough fighters like blues and fun fish like fluke and sea bass. From 3 pound fluke to 13 pound bluefish the reel performed flawlessly and the Accu-set was a big help in setting the drag for each day's fishing.

The drag adjustment knob is positioned at the rear of the reel body. Oversize washers matched with the exceptionally fine pitch drag knob enable the tuning of the drag pressure to very precise tolerances. The washers are made up of a series of 3 polished stainless discs sandwiched between 3 composite discs. The washers are larger than expected on a reel this size and held up very well to fast fish. After approximately 50 blues and bonito the washers were in like new condition, the drag still slipping smooth as skates on ice.

The Accu-set system is installed on the front of the spool and is marked with scales for several pound tests that are ideal for each size reel in the series. My reel, for instance, was designed to use 8 to 14 pound test line so there were scales for 8, 10, 12 and 14 pound test lines. The scales were marked with red and green bars: red indicating a light drag setting; green the optimum drag and the second red bar for an extra heavy drag setting. By turning the rear drag adjustment knob the angler can increase or decrease the drag setting. By turning the front Accu-set knob he can check the actual pounds of pull required to make the drag slip. Daiwa has programmed 25 to 30 percent of the breaking strength of the line as optimum.



Let's say the reel was filled with 12 pound test line. The best drag setting would be with 4 pounds of pull needed to start the spool slipping against the drag washers. To check the drag setting, turn the Accu-set knob clockwise. It will turn independently of the spool until the drag setting is reached, then both the Accu-set knob and the spool will turn together. Read the drag setting on the red and green bar scale on the front of the spool and make adjustments with the rear knob until the best setting is reached.

I tested the Accu-set system at each pound test on my reel with a laboratory quality Hunter Spring Scale. In each pound test range the drag setting programmed by Daiwa was within 5 to 10 percent of the ideal setting. That's exceptionally good and far better than the angler can do by a simple tug on the line and a grunt that says "That's about right."

Top-notch pro anglers have always recommended that drags be relaxed and turned to the off position after each fishing trip to protect the washers from deforming under the continued intense pressure. Most fishermen don't do this because it was previously a pain in the neck to reset the drag at the start of each new fishing trip. With Accu-set the drag can be set quckly, easily and accurately each time you fish.

At this year's AFTMA Show the Accu-set reel selection was expanded with the addition of this feature on the Gold Series and the Strike Gold Series. Each of the reels features typical Daiwa construction: stainless steel ball bearings, body housings of graphite, anodized aluminum spools, silent anti-reverse, optional left or right hand retrieve and free rolling line guides.

They each have the Autocast, one-handed casting feature and come in sizes from ultra-light freshwater to medium for heavy freshwater action and light to medium saltwater fish.

The drag is exceptionally smooth and I found the construction to be first rate throughout. The reel I used was genuinely a pleasure to operate, it didn't require any maintenance other than a spritz with the hose after each trip. The reel appears ready to tackle several more seasons without a problem and it is a fun reel to fish with.

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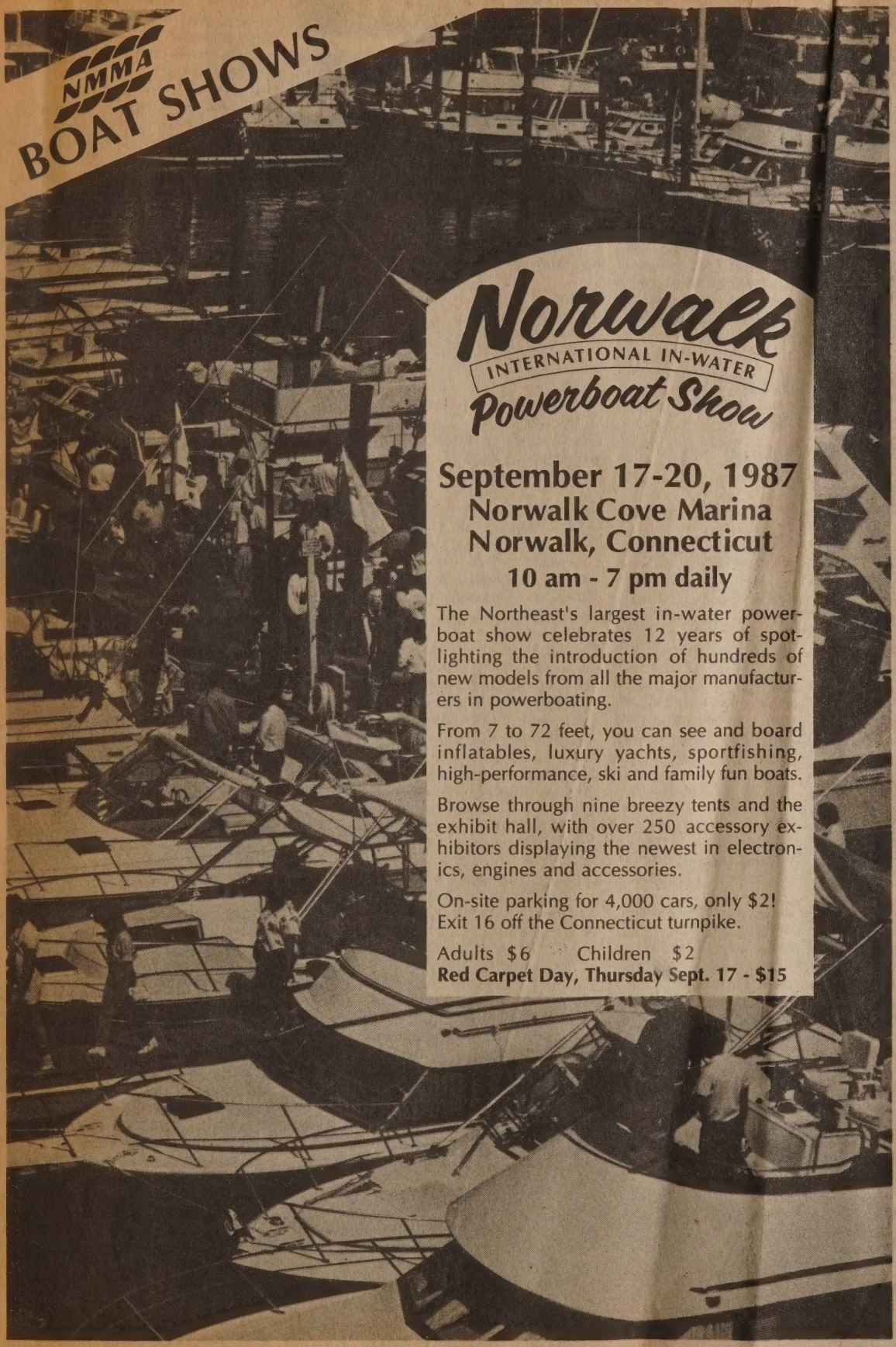
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Captain's Table

CHINESE ENTREES

by Sal Agliano

Last week you were given a taste, a mere sampling. Well, this week, as promised, we'll delve more deeply into the art of Chinese cooking with several main dishes, those luscious offerings found in column B of a Chinese menu. Select one or two, or all four entrees as an exciting follow-up to last week's appetizers.

Steamed Sea Bass

2 sea bass, 1½ to 2 lbs. each
1 tsp ground ginger
1/4 cup oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp salt
1 tbsp soy sauce
1 cup sherry (the good stuff—not cooking sherry!)
2 leeks, sliced diagonally
1 bell pepper, cut in slivers
1 celery rib, cut in slivers
1 tsp black peppercorns

Scale, gut and remove gills and eyes from the two sea bass, leaving the heads and tails intact. In a baking dish, prepare a marinade by combining ginger, oil, garlic, salt, soy sauce and sherry; mix well. Place the cleaned sea bass into the baking dish and rub the marinade over the fish, inside and out. Refrigerate for about 1/2 hour.

Start water boiling in the bottom half of a steamer. Set a large heat proof plate in the top half, and arrange the leeks, bell pepper, celery and peppercorns on the plate. Steam cook vegetables, covered, for about 10 minutes.

Slash each fish crosswise 3 or 4 times on both sides. Layer the fish over the vegetables in the steamer. Pour marinade over fish and vegetables. Cover and steam cook for about 15 minutes or until fish flakes. Serve fish and vegetables in the marinade liquid.

Sweet and Sour Fish

Marinade:
2 lbs. mixed fish fillets (cod, sea bass, flounder)
1/2 lb. medium size shrimp, shelled and deveined
1 egg
1/4 cup corn starch
2 tbsp oil (preferably sesame oil)
1 tsp ground ginger
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp white pepper
1/4 cup water
dash of cayenne pepper

Batter:
1 cup flour
1 cup water
1/4 cup corn starch
1 tsp salt
1 tsp baking soda
oil (enough for deep frying)

Sauce:
1½ cups sugar
1 cup chicken stock
1 cup white vinegar
2 tbsp sherry
2 tbsp oil
1/4 cup dark soy sauce
1 tsp salt
1/2 cup corn starch
1/2 cup cold water
1 carrot, crinkle cut in 1/4 inch pieces
3 tomatoes, cored and quartered
1 bell pepper, cut in slivers
1 cup pineapple chunks

Prepare the marinade by first beating the egg in a medium size mixing bowl. Add corn starch, oil, ginger, salt, white pepper, cayenne pepper and water; mix well. Cut fillets into 3/4 inch pieces and along with shrimp toss briefly in marinade. Cover and refrigerate for about 1/2 hour.

Next prepare the batter by mixing flour, water, corn starch, salt and baking powder until smooth and free of lumps. Drain the fish and shrimp, then stir them into the batter until completely coated. Heat about 2 inches of oil in a wok (or heavy skillet) and fry fish and shrimp in hot oil until golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper. Set aside in a warm spot while you prepare the sweet and sour sauce.

In a medium size saucepan, heat the carrot slices in water until slightly tender. Drain and set carrots aside. In the same pan, heat the sugar, chicken stock, vinegar, sherry, oil, soy sauce and salt to the boil. Lower flame to a simmer and add carrots, tomato wedges, slivered bell peppers and pineapple chunks. Mix corn starch and cold water in a small bowl until smooth, then add it to the sauce. Increase heat and cook while stirring until sauce has begun to boil and has thickened. Serve sauce hot over fried fish, shrimp and vegetables.

Seafood Egg Foo Young

1/2 cup cooked baby shrimp
1/2 cup cooked bay scallops
1/2 cup cooked crab meat
1 cup bean sprouts
1/2 cup mushrooms, chopped
2 scallions, cut in diagonal slices
1/2 tsp salt
8 eggs
oil

Sauce:
2 cups chicken stock
2 tbsp dark soy sauce
1/4 tsp salt
1/8 tsp white pepper
dash of ginger
3 tbsp corn starch
3 tbsp cold water

Chop coarsely the cooked shrimp and scallops and place into a medium size mixing bowl. Flake crab meat and add to shrimp and scallops. Add bean sprouts, scallions, salt and eggs; stir briefly. Heat a small skillet with a drop of oil and saute mushrooms until limp. Add mushrooms to seafood mixture and stir in.

Heat enough oil in wok (or large skillet) to coat bottom of pan. Pour 1 cup of mixture into the hot pan. When eggs set slightly, lift the ends over the middle with a spatula to form a rough patty. Fry on both sides until golden brown. Repeat procedure several times until mixture is used completely; add oil as needed. Set patties aside in a warm spot while you prepare the sauce.

In a saucepan, heat chicken stock, soy sauce, salt, pepper and ginger to the boil. Lower flame, then mix corn starch and water in a small bowl until smooth and free of lumps. Add to sauce and continue to simmer until thickened. Pour sauce over seafood egg patties.

Shrimp Fried Rice

1 lb. cooked baby shrimp
3 cups cooked white long grain rice
1 tsp corn starch
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp white pepper
2 eggs
1/4 cup sliced mushrooms
1 cup bean sprouts
2 scallions sliced
3 tbsp dark soy sauce
oil

Combine shrimp, corn starch, salt and pepper in a bowl. Toss lightly, then set aside. Heat enough oil in a wok to coat the bottom. Beat the eggs, then add to the hot oil in wok. Stir vigorously until the eggs set—no longer (eggs should be still moist). Remove eggs from pan and set aside.

Wipe out wok, then add additional oil to coat bottom. Add shrimp, bean sprouts and mushrooms. Stir fry briefly.

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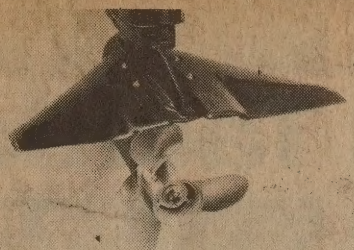

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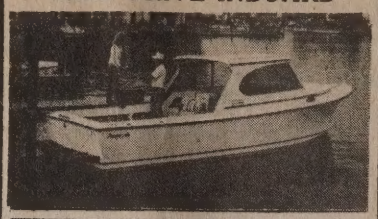
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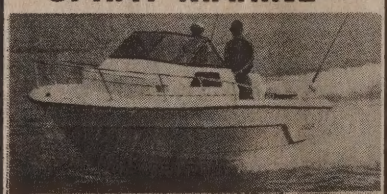
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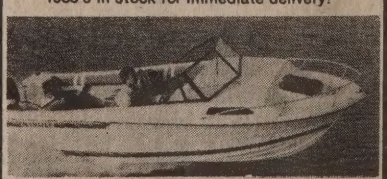
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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

Dear Doc,

I am a long time subscriber to The Fisherman and would like to know if the rock or red crabs that I have been catching while fluke fishing are safe to eat? If so, what parts are safe to eat and how should they be prepared? Are spider crabs safe to eat? Thank you, *Rich Silkowski.*

Dear Rich,

It has been a bonanza season for most crabbers along the northeast this year with plenty of big and healthy crabs of all sorts being caught in the bays, tidal marshes, and ocean. Rock crabs and red crabs are safe to eat and both are delicious, especially the rock crab which is considered a gourmet delicacy. However, there is a Federal moratorium on rock crabs and you are not allowed to kill them. The fine is $500. You are, however, allowed to take the larger claw from the rock crab as long as you release it after doing so. Rock crabs are able to generate a new claw quickly. Even with this moratorium in effect, fishermen can still take the claw which does not kill the crab. Therefore, this crustacean may be able to restore its population to a healthy size where the whole crab may be harvested in the future.

The red crab that you've mentioned may actually be what is known as the Jonah crab. True red crabs are very deep water inhabitants and are not likely to be caught by someone fluke fishing. The Jonah crab, though, is prevalent in shallower waters and is most abundant between Long Island and Nova Scotia, but is found down to Delaware. This crab is brick red with a yellowish bottom.

Spider crabs that are found along the northeastern coast are really too small and slender to bother eating. A few people I've talked with said that these crabs do not taste very good either. Most spider crabs that I've come across do not look like they have enough meat to even consider eating. There are many different kinds of crabs known as spider crabs and one type which they catch off of Japan grows to over 10 feet from leg tip to leg tip. This type is marketed here and around the world as the snow crab. Other kinds of crabs are also marketed under the same name.

The best way to prepare crabs is to boil them for 20 minutes with some Old Bay seasoning. Eat only the firm meat and avoid the soft innards like the gill raker plates, etc. There is a fine videotape on the market called "Basic Seafood Preparation," by Dennis Oaks. This videotape shows complete basics on how to keep your catch fresh, plus how to prepare seafood properly ranging from mollusks, crabs, lobsters and shrimp. For more information write or call: Fish 'N Tell Productions, Inc., 2553 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, OH 43211; (614) 267-7007. They will send you a complete listing of their videotape series plus current price listing.

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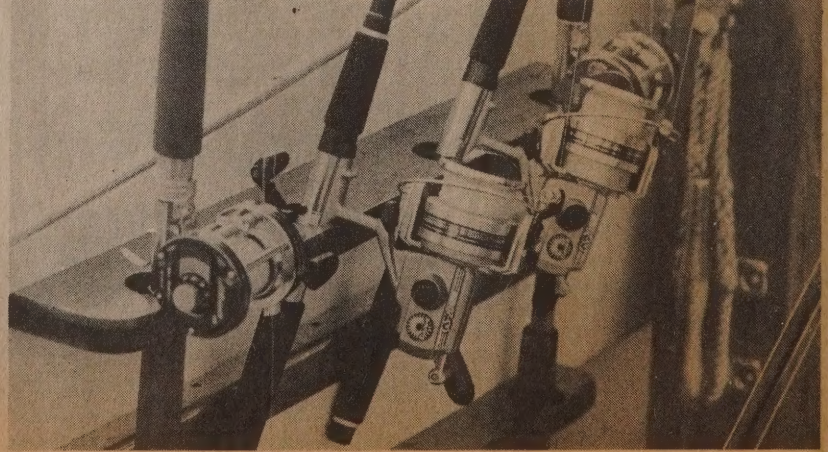
Dear Doc,

After a good day of fishing I always take my gear and wash it off with a hose to remove salt and other possible contaminants. One day, though, while rinsing off my fishing outfits, a fellow fisherman said that this was really more harmful than good. He said that rinsing actually helps to rust out the insides of the reels by allowing the salt to flow into the reel as you



rinse.

He said that this is even true when freshwater fishing as whenever you rinse your reel off you are actually forcing water into the gear box area where it will help to quicken the rusting out of your reel. I am quite surprised about these statements, but they do seem to have some validity. Could it be that rinsing your equipment after each trip is more harmful than good? Please help me out. Thank you, *Kevin Manter.*

Dear Kevin,

It all depends on what you or any fisherman means by rinsing. Rinsing with a fine spray of freshwater should cause no harm to your rod and reel outfit and does remove that layer of salt and other possible contaminants like sand, dirt or mud. If, however, you are rinsing with a full blast of water from a hose nozzle, you may indeed be saturating your reel with too much water. This could be harmful as it would almost be the same as dunking your outfit into the water itself.

A possible harmful situation can occur when rinsing if you use soap to help clean your gear. You can safely use soap, but be careful not to allow it to get into the reel's innards as this may cause some of the reel's protective oils to be rinsed out. If you use soap while rinsing, use one that is mild or duluted more than you would for other cleaning tasks.

After rinsing any tackle it should be standard procedure to wipe the outfits down with a soft and absorbent cloth. I take a good quality terry cloth towel and gently wipe the excess water off all my gear. The next step to help protect your outfit is to wipe it down with a silicon impregnated cloth. These cloths leave a nice shine on our rod and reels plus provide a veneer of silicon protection that repels water and protects against rust.

Rinsing your gear also helps remove corrosives from the spooled line which increases the line's life. There is nothing better than dried out salt or the organic acids in freshwater to make your fishing line become brittle fast. One final note: At the end of each fishing season it is a good idea to have your reel serviced to ensure that it will be up to the task when the next season rolls around. A couple of drops of lube oil during the season is also a good way to keep your gear in great shape. Many anglers also use sprays oils like WD-40 or CRC.

The Tackle Doctor questions continue to be diversified and interesting; so keep them coming, folks. As in the past, we will try to answer your letter through the magazine or in the mail. Please be sure to include your return address with your letter and print or write your name clearly so that we can copy it correctly for the column. Send all questions to our editorial office c/o: The Fisherman Magazine, 1622 Beaver Dam Rd., Point Pleasant, NJ 08742. Thank you.

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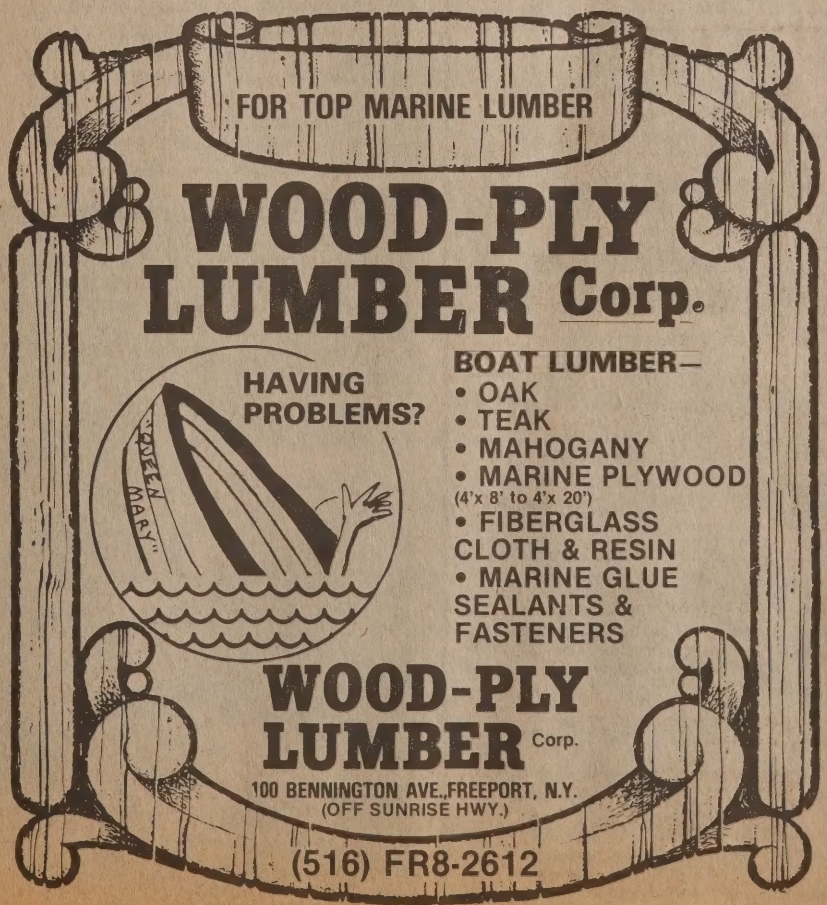

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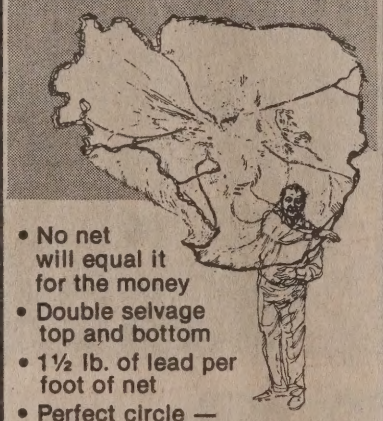

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

I have come across a product that may help those folks who suffer from seasickness. It is called Sea Tone and contains Scopolamine HBR in a capsule form. In the past if you wanted to use Scopolamine you needed a doctor's prescription and you had to wear a patch behind your ear. This new capsule is a much milder dose and you take it one hour before your trip. The effect should last at least four hours, at which time you may wish to take another capsule. According to the manufacturer, most people only need the first dose to get them through a trip. They also said this is not a cure for seasickness and if you wait until you turn green before you take the medicine, it won't help.

Not only is Sea Tone easy to take, it does not make you sleepy as do some other seasick remedies. It does have a tendency to dry out your mouth, but chewing gum will overcome this problem. The product is not to be taken by anyone who suffers from glaucoma, is pregnant, nursing a baby, or who is under six years of age. Should you experience blurring of vision, rapid pulse or dizziness, discontinue use immediately. Consult your doctor if you have any questions about using Scopolamine. To find out more about this product and where to find it, write Martini Company, 329 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

Dear Eric,

Having recently graduated to a larger boat, I am faced with several previously unasked questions, and I would greatly appreciate your help with one of them.

I would very much like to use our new 20 foot Aquasport for flounder and bass fishing in November and December as I did with our old boat. However, I am concerned about freezing, particularly with regard to the water pump and water remaining in the lower unit. During cold weather I cannot simply pop off the 115 hp Mercury outboard and carry it inside between uses as I did with the old 25 hp Evinrude—for obvious reasons.

Therefore, my question is should I be concerned with freezing and, if so, what can I do to prevent it? I should also note that while my slip is fairly well dredged, occasional extreme low tides make me nervous about leaving the motor in a down position to ward off freezing. *Kent Madsen.*

Dear Kent,

I checked with a Mercury dealer and he said your motor will be fine if you leave it tilted down in the water during freezing weather. If you leave the lower unit out of the water you run the risk of freeze-up and possible damage to the cooling system.

A friend who does a lot of duck

hunting told me his outboard has frozen when he had it out on the water duirng a hunt, but cleared itself out when he started it up. This is a 25 hp motor and he only has problems on very cold days late in the season.

If you are afraid of damage to the lower unit should the tide drop too low, check with your marina as they may have a deeper slip for you during November and December. The only sure way to keep the motor from freezing is to keep it down in the water.

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Dear Eric,

I recently started fishing Delaware Bay out of the Maurice River. I hear other fishermen speak of the Old House, the Mall, No. 1 buoy, etc. Can you tell me where I may obtain a chart with the headings to these locations. Hope you can help me, and good fishing. *J.W. Easterday.*

Dear Mr. Easterday:

I currently have two waterproof charts of the Delaware Bay listing the type of information you are trying to find. Captain Vic Galgano, 8 Iris Court, Milltown, NJ 08850 publishes one and Fishing Rod Enterprises, P.O. Box 2003, Cape May, NJ 08204, publishes the other. A check of your local marinas and tackle shops could turn up other versions of Delaware Bay charts.

These charts are fine as a convenience to anglers who don't have the room on their boat to spread out a NOAA Nautical Chart which is the only true navigational chart. I use my waterproof charts in conjunction with my NOAA chart to plot a course to my favorite fishing spots.

The NOAA charts do not list locations named by local fishermen such as the Punk Grounds, 60 Foot Slough and the Pin Top. The privately prepared charts are not as accurate for navigational purposes as the NOAA charts. By using the two together, you can have the best of both.

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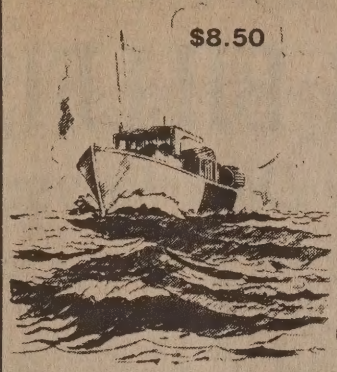

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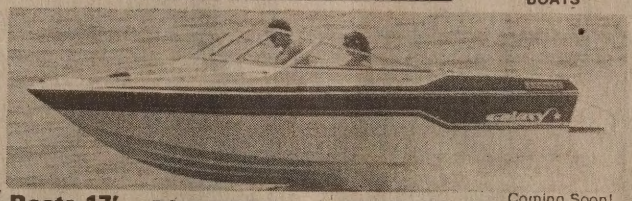

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NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL CHANGES BILLFISH TUNE

by Dick Russell

In a major policy shift, the New England Fishery Management Council has broken a five-year impasse and voted approval for sending a no-sale plan for billfish to public hearings all along the Atlantic Coast. The 10 to 4 vote of Council members came at a meeting August 11th in Danvers, Massachusetts. It was a response to mounting pressure from the other four Atlantic regional councils, all of which support a ban on commercial harvest of white marlin, blue marlin, and sailfish.

It will now be up to the South Atlantic Council, the lead group on the billfish plan, to set dates for the public hearing process.

"Finally they're moving forward," said Dave Rockland of the Sport Fishing Institute of Washington, D.C., who attended the New England Council meeting. The Institute recently submitted a formal request to the Secretary of Commerce to impose its own Federal no-sale regulation, since the needed unanimous consent of the five-council system seemed impossible to achieve. "We will not withdraw our request for a Secretarial plan just yet," Rockland added. "You can only give the Councils' plan so long to work."

The need for a commercial ban coastwide has been dramatically underscored over the past couple of years by a developing market for marlin, a species that has been almost entirely the domain of the recreational fisherman in U.S. waters. Yet, at an inter-council meeting late in June, the New England Council's position had remained entrenched, calling for a one-fish per boat per trip limit in this region. The other councils, as well as legal opinions, pointed out that such an exception would create insurmountable enforcement problems.

So, at long last, the commercially dominated New England Council decided to budge. But it didn't come without considerable debate over the motion of Lester Smith, who until now has been the lone supporter on the Council for the no-sale provision.

Smith's first motion, to send a number of alternatives to public hearing (including gear restrictions, minimum size limits, a bag limit and a total possession ban as well as the no-sale), passed unanimously. Then he introduced a second motion to make no-sale the Council's "preferred alternative."

"We just voted for the house and now we are painting all the walls," said Bob Smith, an industry representative who also sits on the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council. "I don't particularly like the house. Now we've got to have a preferred alternative that I totally hate. Why in the world must we have a preferred alternative?"

Connecticut fisheries director Bob Jones agreed. But as the Council's chairman, Rhode Island marine biologist Dave Borden, noted: "It troubles me, too. What are the criteria used to establish game fish status for any animal? I have a number of reservations about this approach, but I think on balance it's to the long-term interests of this Council to endorse it—if we want a voice in pelagics [billfish] management in the future."

Phil Coates, Massachusetts' Director of Marine Fisheries, was asked about the reasoning behind his state's recent ban on sale of these billfish, which went into effect in mid-August. "The rationale," said Coates, "was based on the fact that in some instances it might be more appropriate to nip a problem in the bud before it gets out of hand. There is a limited commercial market developing and the white marlin are very vulnerable to certain types of harvest, particularly harpooning." Coates added that the outlawing of sale applies not only to fishermen, but to markets and restaurants.

The vast majority of white marlin boated by recreational anglers are being released.

Comments were allowed from the audience. Chip Bourget, whose boat The Huntress has been catching and selling marlin for eight years fishing off the Massachusetts coast, made the accusation that this regulation was simply an effort by sport fishermen "to preserve and usurp the marlin for themselves." Vineyard sport fisherman Anthony Gude agreed with Bourget that the real commercial culprits are the foreign long-line vessels (which are known to hook 95 percent of the marlin caught, fishing outside the 200 mile limit). But Gude was equally adamant that this most "spectacular" of offshore species should be protected to the utmost and remain in the traditional preserve of recreational fishing.

Attorney Joel McDonald, who provides legal advice to the Council, commented: "There is no ducking this issue. The problem has been, are we sure that we can defend a no-sale law with an adequate record." He referred Council members to a lengthy memorandum, outlining how this record does indeed exist. Citing an agreement on tariff and trade with the Canadian government, McDonald also suggested that "a ban on imports would be defensible" if challenged in court. Finally, he added that the National Environmental Policy Act makes it mandatory that "a Federal agency [such as the Council] go out to public hearing with a preferred alternative."

Asked about the current exploitation of the marlin stock, Borden replied: "The evidence the Council has varies between the marlin being fully exploited and under-exploited. No one really knows the status of the stocks."

Then Alan Peterson, Director of the Northeast Fisheries Center in Gloucester, Mass., and a U.S. Commissioner to the International Commission for Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), offered the most compelling argument in favor of supporting the no-sale. "In the role of a sage old adviser, I'm reminded of what happened with the bluefin tuna," Peterson said. "In 1973, the Feds proposed making it an endangered species. This led Massachusetts to stick its neck out and put in the first regulations. This drove the U.S. to take a tough position at ICCAT. Today, most people are satisfied that the bluefin have made a comeback.

"Now ICCAT is wrestling with the billfish problem and the U.S. is trying to force more action internationally. Massachusetts has adopted a no-sale. If this council gets in line with the other councils and forces the issue forward, maybe once again we can push ICCAT to do something about the foreign fishing on billfish. We need to get the ball rolling and this may be the catalyst. The bluefin history is almost a mirror."

Counter-arguments to Peterson's statement followed from commercial spokesmen, including an attempt by Bob Smith to amend the no-sale motion to make no possession at all the Counci's "preferred alternative." This infuriated Lester Smith, who responded: "This is a complete cop-out! Our committee has spent a great deal of time on this and even asking you to send the no-sale to public hearing is a compromise, rather than demanding a vote today. By muddying the waters here, you'll not help the image of this Council—which is very low at this time!"

Borden reiterated his point that, should New England once again fail to act, the other councils will respond by excluding them from any voice whatsoever in billfish management. Bob Smith withdrew his motion, saying "Clearly I've made my point."

A vote soon followed. Voting to send no-sale of billfish as the preferred alternative to public hearings were: Phil Coates, Barry Gibson and Lester Smith of Massachusetts; Arthur Odlin and James Warren, Maine; Patrick Carroll and William Lund, Connecticut; Herbert Drake and Edward Spurr, New Hampshire; and Richard Roe of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Voting against the measure were Richard Allen and Robert Smith, Rhode Island; William Brennan and Gail Johnson of Maine. James Costakes of Massachusetts and Robert Jones of Connecticut abstained.

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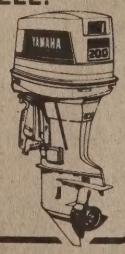

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BEACH ACCESS UPDATE

by John Fritz

If the forces that be were to gather together and suddenly close all beaches to surf fishermen, the ensuing outcry would make every politician sit up and take notice. Because we are losing our beach access piecemeal, frequently in someone else's backyard, only those immediately involved become aroused and the resulting reaction is little more than a feeble protest from a handful of shorebound anglers. In some instances, these closures have some merit but often they are little more than the local politicos yielding to pressure from those who view vehicles and/or fishermen on the beach as an infringement on their rights. Hopefully a sufficient number of surf fishermen will be willing to get involved, in the very near future, so that this dangerous trend will be arrested.

At any rate, this late summer update, on the state of our beaches, will serve to enlighten surf fishermen, throughout Long Island, of the changes that have taken place so far this year and to dispel some disheartening rumors which have passed through the ranks of those who fish at the water's edge. I will also pass on the latest comments and promises of a few of the people who control our access to the shore. I must warn you that, in the past, when I have requested information from some agencies, what they tell me and what is actual fact can be completely opposite. One instance occurred last spring while I was gathering data for a Fishing Access Report. I was told by the people at Smithtown's Recreation Department that Short Beach would be open to resident mobile surf fishermen, when in fact they entertained no such program. Occasionally, statements made at meetings and those obtained in telephone conversations prove to be erroneous. For the most part what we are told reflects the policy at that particular time, but conditions change and decisions are made, higher up the political ladder, which will nullify present regulations. It is frustrating to be told a beach is to be closed, especially if the reason seems invalid, but it is my belief that we must keep the lines of communication open, for a closed door provides no one the chance to resolve problems pertaining to beach access.

In a telephone conversation with Art Comstock, at Smith Point County Park, the latest word on vehicle access is that approximately one mile of oceanfront is available, from Cut #1 east. Burma Road is closed and prospects for a complete fall opening is dependent on how the beach rebuilds itself. Art states that he holds little hope for a natural infusion of sand on the beach at this late stage of the season. When asked if there was any truth to the rumor that Smith Point would be closed completely to vehicles in '88, he said "No." It is my feeling that the forces of the sea, over this coming winter, will have an important bearing on this topic in the year ahead.

The regulations for the adjoining shore westward, Fire Island National Seashore, remain the same. A meeting a few months back with the new superintendent, Noel Pachta, plus two members of his staff and representatives of the Long Island Beach Buggy Association failed to alter the annual 5,000 trip limit for sport fishermen. To refresh a few memories, this limit, in reality, is 5,000 one way trips to the beach. While this is half of what we perceived to be the limit, a 10 year study has shown that the quota has been approached only once or twice. The regulations, at present, state that when the limit is reached, no further traffic is permitted on the shore. There are a few factors to consider though. The beach is now closed during the winter period, from January 1st to March 31st. Furthermore, the Rangers have been instructed to ensure that those using the beach, under this category, are bona fide fishermen pursuing their sport, not joyriders testing their new vehicle. This count is a visual count, made at the checkpoint by Park Rangers. Superintendent Pachta told us he would study the issue and meet with us in the future.

In recent talks with state officials, nothing of major importance has occurred to affect our access in the state parks, although some view the closure of the tip of the Cedar Bar as a state issue, more on that later. From the period January 1st to April 30th a total of 4,063 beach vehicle permits were issued; an increase of approximately 25 percent. Sport fishing permits remain basically the same at 2,630 issued. More than 200 volunteers helped erect more than a mile of snow fencing at Gilgo this past June. When asked what it would take to open that stretch of shore to vehicles, I was told they need 30 feet of beach seaward of the fence; everyone grab a shovel.

We, meaning officers of LIBBA and members of the Fishing Advisory Board, have been told that problems are arising at Democrat Point. Specifics remain vague at this time, but the next meeting of the Fishing Advisory Board is set for September 10th and will be history by the time most of you read this. I was asked about the placing of a fence denying passage to the West End Jetty at Jones Beach. In a conversation with Joe Lescinski, Superintendent of the Park, he informed me that this was a temporary attempt to bar people from

entering onto the jetty. It seems that on August 16th there was an exceptionally high tide, coupled with a heavy surf, which resulted in 6 jetty fishermen being washed into Jones Inlet. As it was told to me, only through the action of a surfer and the Jones Beach lifeguards was loss of life prevented. Mr. Lescinski stated that if similar conditions occur in the future a temporary barrier will again be erected. This is an action which should not be necessary for a knowledgeable jetty jockey who will check the wave patterns before venturing onto the rocks.

On Monday afternoon, the 31st of August, Bob Lucchesi, Bill Muller and myself, met with two officials from the Town of Babylon. This meeting was set to take place on the beach where a few minor problems were to be ironed out. By the time you read this, the signs blocking vehicular traffic to the tip of the Cedar Bar should be gone. Their return next year is a matter to be discussed during winter meetings with the Town, the State and representatives of the surf fishing community. The barrier blocking access to the Thumb should be removed, pending approval of the Town Board, permitting vehicles access to the beach when the lagoon floods the track. No parking signs will be erected on the Thumb to clarify any doubts about using the southwest corner of the Thumb as a parking area, a request I put forth, which was rejected. We had asked that the "Hole" in the Thumb be filled in with rubble and access to a prime fishing area be reinstated. It seems that there is a jurisdiction problem here regarding who is responsible for its repair, if in fact there is to be any effort made to save the Thumb. Such matters require permits from the Corps of Engineers and the Dept. of Environmental Conservation with further complications arising from the proposed dredging set for next spring.

A final request was to make Cedar Beach Overlook available to walk-on fishermen this coming fall, possibly with a Babylon Fishing Permit being issued. The granting of permits leaves the town open to legal action should someone be injured, so that idea probably will be discarded. The matter of parking access will be studied; I am to call back in a week.

With an increasing number of beach fishermen being confined to smaller sections of the beach, conflict among ourselves is becoming an intensifying problem. Concentrations of men and machines require that everyone abide by both the written and unwritten rules of the shore. Remember, others view our actions with a jaundiced eye; we do not need additional people seeking to ban us from the beach. Hopefully there will be some good news for beach-bound anglers in the weeks to come. If we can only teach the fish to frequent the remaining areas open to us, all would be fine.

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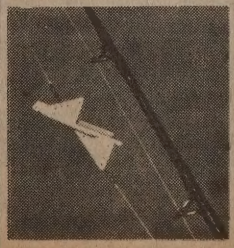
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SINGING THE LATE SUMMER BLUES

by Tom Schlichter

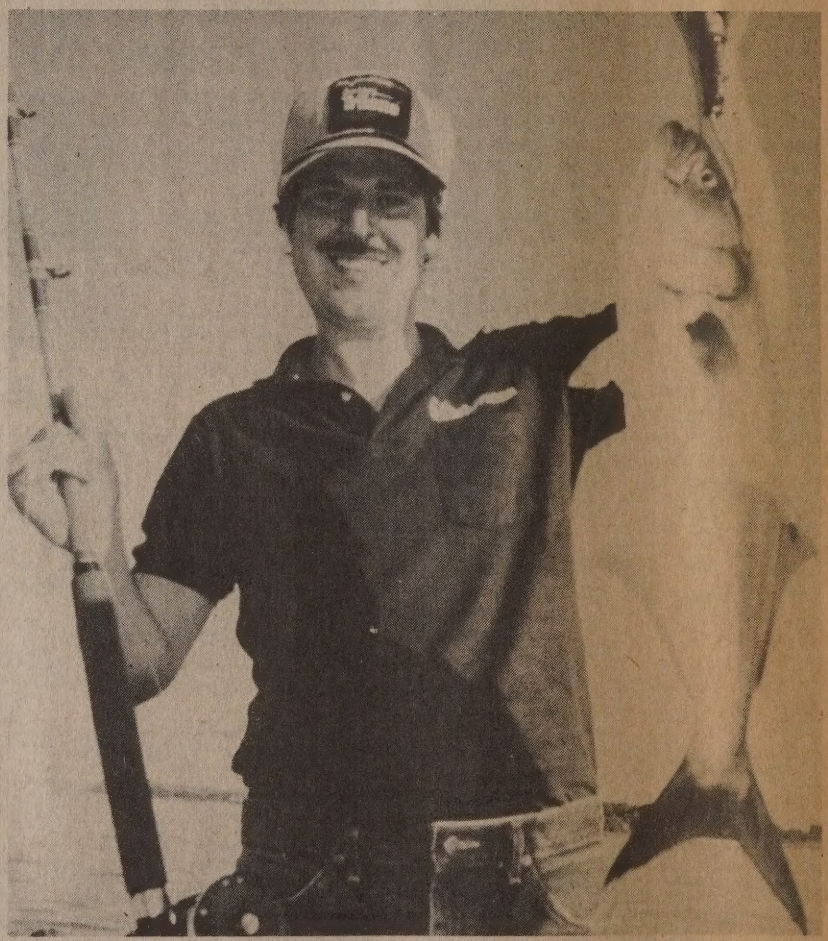
Swirls to the starboard side, boils off the port. Dead center behind the stern, a 9 lb. blue thrashed on the surface in a vain attempt to rid itself of a diamond jig implanted in its jaw—courtesy of my wife, Tina. "Bluefish heaven!" I thought to myself as the surface action reached near frenzied levels.

Skipper John Alberda of "Sound Charters" hauled the blue aboard and twisted the jig free from its vise-like jaws. The 23 foot charter boat continued slowly on its westward course, seemingly unnoticed by the breaking choppers. "Typical blues for this area, at this time of year," he commented while wiping his hands clean. "We've had them here almost every morning for two weeks."

That was two fish in a row for Tina, now it was time for me to put away the camera and get my line back into the water. As the boat continued to ease parallel to the shore, I slipped the reel into free spool and allowed the jig to sink 18 feet to the bottom. We were working over Center Island Reef, a short run to the west of Huntington Harbor, an area I had always wanted to fish, but never seemed to make time for. With blues usually so abundant off the south shore, closer to my home, the thought of a bluefish trip to this part of the Sound always seemed attractive, but never urgent.

The tide was moving only slightly as I engaged the reel and began to crank. Three turns of the handle were all it took before a 6 lber. slammed the lure. The rod arched sharply as the blue battled it out deep beneath the boat. After three spirited but short runs, the fish began to tire and I hoisted it aboard. It had been less than an hour since we had first found the fish and already our arms were tiring from bailing the blues. For my wife and I, it was bluefish heaven. For skipper John Alberda, just another day of splendid bluefishing on Long Island Sound.

The waters of Long Island Sound are renowned for producing large bluefish late in the fall. However, often overlooked is the abundance of 4 to 10 lb. choppers that can be found within a short ride of Huntington Harbor from mid-July through late September. In contrast to south shore ocean fishing for blues, this Sound bluefishing does not require long trips or large boats. In fact, Alberda's



Author with a husky chopper jigged at Center Island Reef.

charters rarely travel more than 45 minutes from port. The names of available "hotspots" from which to choose should clang bells of familiarity to Fisherman readers. To the west, Lloyd's Neck, Center Island Reef, Oak Neck Pt., the Bayville Strip, and Peacock and Matinecock Points are all within a 40 minute ride on a calm day. To the east, the names are just as alluring: Eaton's Neck, Ashroken, Callahan's, Sunken Meadow, Nissequogue River and Crane's Neck. On any August or September day, the blues can show at one or more of these locations. Frequently, they show at several. Occasionally, they blitz them all! Most attractive is the fact that free-spirited anglers can cover several of these "hotspots" in a single day. If the fish aren't at one, simply move a few minutes down the beach to the next.

Most of the blues taken at this time of the year fall to diamond jigs worked from drifting boats. Standard fare are 1.5 to 3.5 ounce diamonds with green or red tube tails. These are lowered to the bottom and cranked back to the top at full speed, or cast to breaking fish and retrieved just below the surface. This method of fishing is quite productive when the tide is pushing hard, but loses much of its effectiveness as the current begins to slack off.

One trick which Captain Alberda uses to increase productivity when the tide begins to fall off is to jig-troll. This method of fishing is quite similar to stemming the tide with a bucktail,

as many Montauk skippers do when fishing for stripers or weaks. Basically, the boat is throttled down until it is moving slightly faster than the current. The jigs are then allowed to free spool to the bottom. As soon as the lure reaches bottom, the reel is engaged and the jig cranked quickly five to six turns. The reel is then disengaged and the lure allowed to flutter back to the bottom again. This process may be repeated three to five times before the lure winds up too far behind the boat. If no hook-ups occur, the jig is reeled to the surface and the entire procedure repeated again. By keeping the boat in gear, a little extra speed and resistance is added to the jig, causing it to dance as it would when the tide is pushing hard. Essentially, the moving boat simulates a more desirable current. The method certainly does work. When we gave it a try, our catch was twice that of neighboring craft.

According to Captain Alberda, jig-trolling seems to work best in relatively shallow water, usually less than 25 feet. Jigs with sharp sides produce the most blues, probably because their shape allows them increased action at slow speeds. For water less than 18 feet, John recommends using Tiger 2's. Deeper water requires a little heavier jig, about 3.5 ounces. No leaders are tied to the lures as they detract from the jig's action. As is the case when working most lures, the trick is to make the jig look like a live baitfish. Weaks and stripers are a frequent by-catch when jig-trolling.

On his bluefish charters, Alberda uses 10 to 40 pound class Sabre rods of medium taper and 6½ feet in length. A solid conventional reel and 25 pound test line are matched to the rods. These setups are perfect for jigging, allowing good control of jig and fish, while also providing great sport. I'm sure, however, that thrill-seeking private boaters looking for a real bluefish challenge could work this area with lighter setups and small poppers or plugs. After witnessing all the surface action, the thought of using a fly rod also stood out in my mind. On a weekday, when it is possible to have the fish to yourself, I guess anything could go here.

As stated, the blues spend much of the summer in these waters. The first to arrive show in late June and usually weigh 2 to 4 lbs. By mid-July, the 4 to 8 lb. fish have taken over and the size of the blues continues to increase as the season moves on. By September, a 12 lber. hardly raises an eyebrow. Nor do catches of 40 to 50 fish a charter.

For the private boater, there is a launch site at the head of Huntington Harbor ($5 launching fee). Those without boats should consider taking a charter or party boat trip out of this port. Listings for both can be found in the advertising section of The Fisherman. If you would like to sail with Sound Charters, contact Captain John Alberda, (516) 626-6796.

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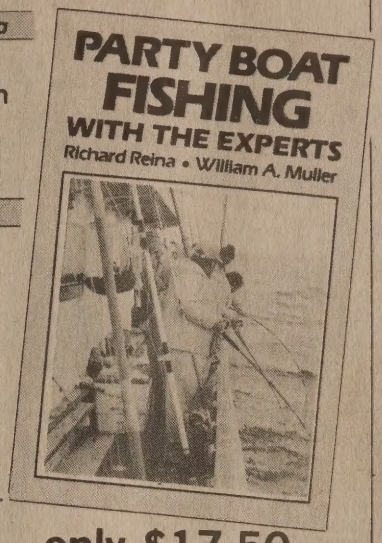

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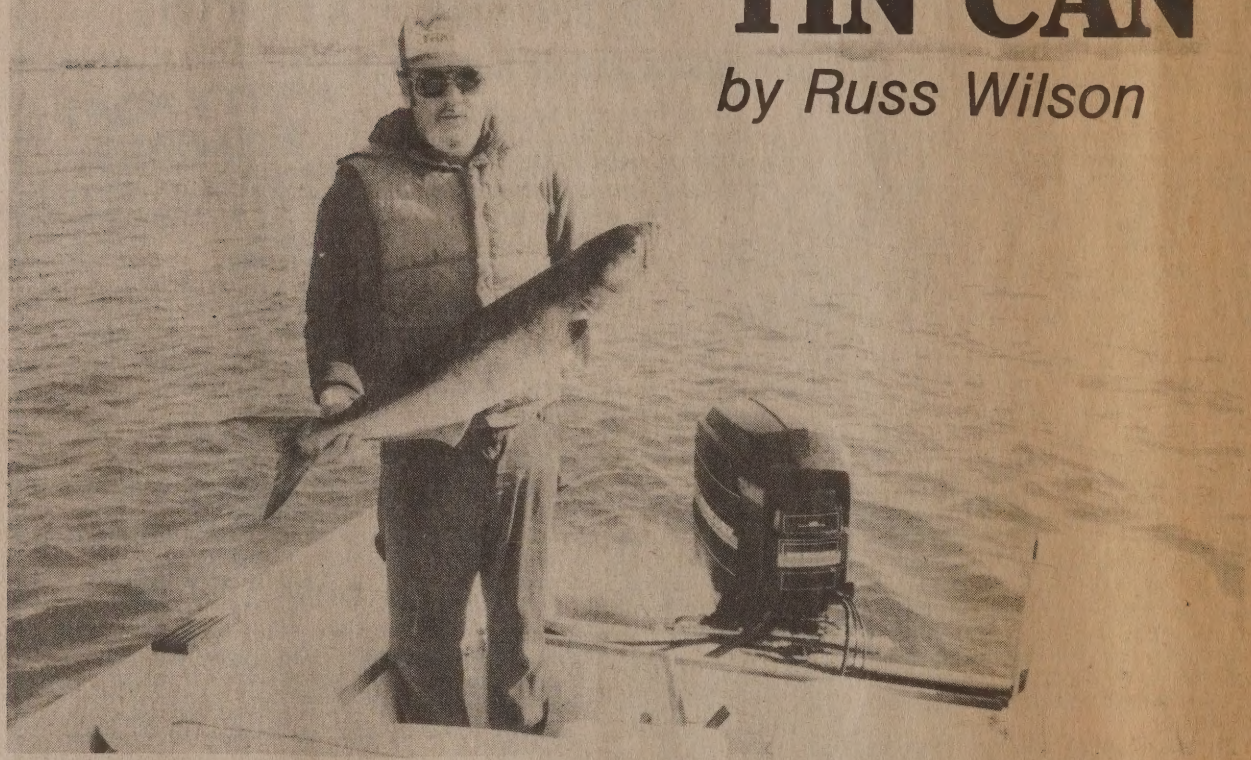
TROLLING THE TIN CAN

by Russ Wilson



My first experience at trolling the Tin Can took place way back in the early 60s, when striped bass fishing was to us, a way of life.

We had been fishing live bunker at Sandy Hook's False Channel and didn't turn a fin in more than three hours. A couple of the guys from Atlantic Beach who had become friendly at the pound nets said they were going "across" to work the Tin Can and invited us to follow saying that they had been catching some striped bass from that area on the outgoing tide.

I had absolutely no idea what they were talking about but since they had been fishing near us for more than a month, it seemed they were not putting us on. But, we still had a bucket of live bunkers and several wire line outfits that we had planned to use when trolling for blues, so off we went.

Our new found friends put us into some of the fastest striped bass fishing I've ever enjoyed. They had small holes, dropoffs and other structure down cold and could find each spot by using shore ranges.

Remember, these guys were "pinhookers" and sold every bass they caught. They didn't have to take us to their private spots, but because we had done the same for them at Sea Bright, they wanted to return the favor. I would not bet any money that a similar situation would occur today.

At any rate, in the years that have since passed, I've managed to fish the Tin Can whenever possible and am still picking bass, blues and weakfish from some of the spots that produced on my first trip.

This is a big area. A check of any navigational chart will give you some ideal of the amount of good fishing water that is available. It is the irregular bottom contour that makes the Tin Can so productive. These are lumps, bumps and drops that range from only a dozen or so feet to more than 30 feet in depth and each is a potential hotspot.

Bordered by Ambrose Channel to the south, Rockaway and the Gong Grounds to the north and East Bank and Coney Island Flats to the west, the Tin Can Grounds are easily accessible to anglers fishing from the New York side of the lower bay.

Each change of the tide brings new fish into the area. On outgoing water schools of small baitfish will move into the area with the dropping water and during incoming water larger predatory species will follow the baitfish as they move onto the shoal waters.

It is a hotspot for a variety of species, with various periods of hot and cold fishing occurring throughout spring, summer and fall. For now, we'll attempt to cover the potential that awaits anglers who want to troll for weakfish, blues or striped bass during late summer and fall months.

Although I am not into using rod planers or downriggers, some trollers who focus attention to the Tin Can do use both successfully. I much prefer wire line since I fish alone quite often and find it is easier to handle the boat, control two outfits and still present lures at the right depth.

Any boat owner who normally fishes with one or two other persons may find it advantageous to use downriggers or rod planers, for each has merit.

When using downriggers, for instance, it is possible to present lures at exact depths, something that cannot be done when rigged with wire line or rod planers. Often bass and weakfish will inhabit a specific depth and may not come up more than a couple feet to smack a lure. The ability to troll lures on downriggers at fish eye level can often mean the difference between catching fish and seeing a lot of slashes on the chart recorder.

Another benefit to downrigger fishing is the ability to use light tackle. Since the downrigger weight is used to carry lures to a specific depth, you do not need a broomstick rod to

manipulate the lures. This feature does allow the fish more leverage and at the same time gives the angler a chance to enjoy the fight.

Still, I'll take my chances with wire line. Once you get the hang of handling single strand, you'll find it is very easy to use. There are several kinds of wire that can be used for trolling. Some anglers prefer lead core because it does not kink; others feel monel is the best choice and still others will opt for a braided trolling wire.

My personal favorite and probably the least expensive, is single strand stainless in 40 pound test. The 40 pound test is more than adequate to handle any fish you are likely to hook and it will sink to maximum depth quickly. Single strand does, however, have a tendency to kink if not handled correctly.

Anyone who is new to wire line trolling might try keeping the reel's clicker engaged when playing out the wire. This will keep tension on the wire and at the same time, keep it from spilling off the spool so fast that it backlashes or kinks.

Experienced trollers who use single strand just flip the reel into free spool, lay their thumb on the spool and let the wire play off in a steady stream. If you don't apply some pressure to the spool, the wire will jump off in tight coils, kinks will form and the wire will break at the slightest amount of pressure.

So much for wire line technique. If you don't know how to use it, I suggest you learn or head for the nearest tackle shop and purchase a pair of downriggers.

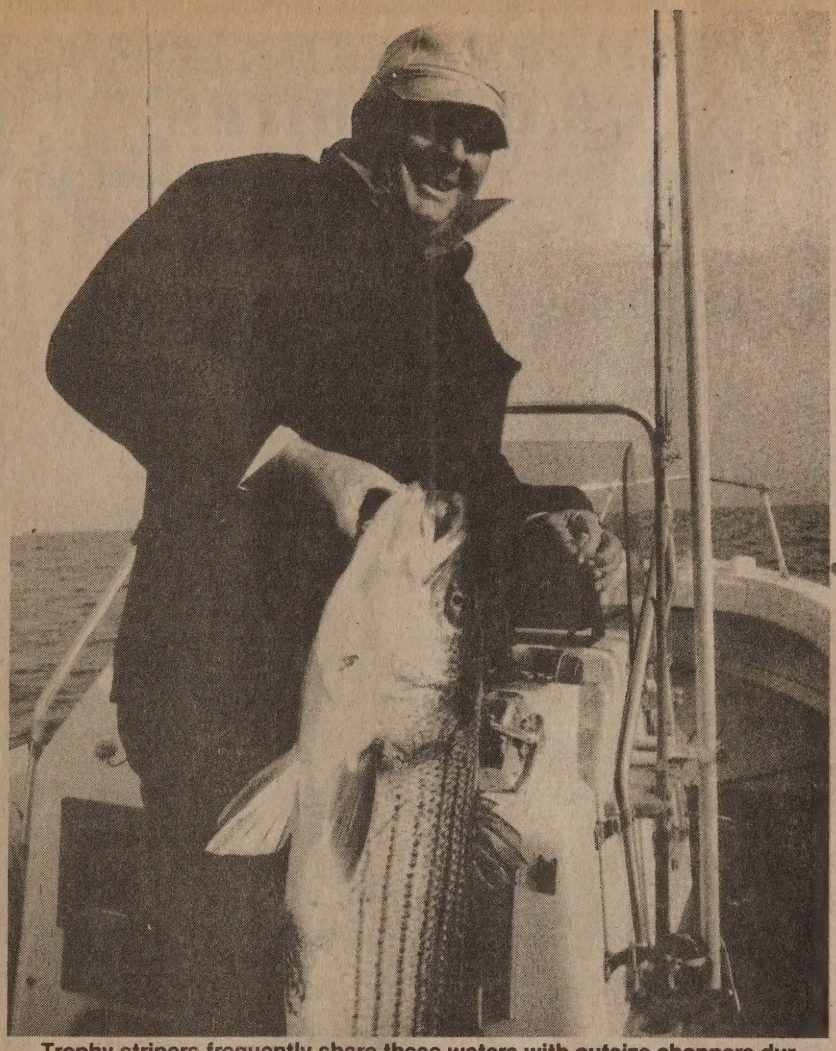
You will need some lures if you hope to smell up the fish box. Stripers, blues and weakfish will generally respond to plugs, spoons, bucktails (the parachute style bucktail is a hot number at times) or surgical tube rigs. The coat hanger, which has two arms and a single dropback iure is often effective when weakfish are present. More often, however, it pays to follow tradition by trolling the four arm umbrella or six arm gorilla rigs.

Sand eels are normally present on the Tin Can Grounds. Any of the surgical tube rigs are designed to imitate these slender baitfish and when sand eels are present it is the logical rig to use. Color can be critical to success. Red, green, purple, white, burgundy, black and yellow will usually get the attention of any hungry fish.

Experienced trollers will usually set up their rigs with a variety of colors and once a definite pattern is noticed, will switch to the color that is catching most of the fish.

I will not troll a rig at the Tin Can unless it has at least one white and one burgundy tube. These have been hot colors for a number of years and will usually produce fish.

Bunker spoons are also very effective during spring and fall when the bay is loaded with these oily baitfish. You cannot troll a bunker spoon on one rod and a plug or tube rig on another. Bunker spoon trolling is an art. Each spoon must swim in a wide arc to be effective. Boat speed determines how the spoons will behave.



Trophy stripers frequently share these waters with outsize choppers during the fall.

Any of the popular swimming plugs will produce also. I like the bigger models (7 inch and larger) and will generally start off with a Danny on one rod and a Creek Chub on another. Both can be trolled at similar speed and still retain their slow swim/roll type of come-hither attraction.

If those fail to get results, I'll go to a slightly smaller sub-surface swimmer such as the 7 inch Bomber, Redfin, Hellcat or Rebel. Color isn't too critical, although I do feel that the black back, blue back, green back or yellow models are more effective than other color combinations.

There is a strong tidal flow across the Tin Can Grounds and this will govern your trolling speed to some extent. The effect of a hard running tide will become immediately evident if you keep a constant watch on the rod tips.

Too strong a tide pushing against the lures will cause the rods to take on a deep bend. This is your signal to slack off on the throttle until the rods are working normal.

At the other extreme, if you see there is little or no pressure being placed upon the rods you know the lures are not working as they should. In this situation you will have to increase the RPMs until the trolling speed is fast enough to make the lures work correctly.

A lot of trollers develop tunnel vision or will follow the fleet. I do not recommend this practice when working the Tin Can Grounds because it can, and will, cost you fish.

I've had days, and nights, when the fish would jump all over a lure or tube rig that was trolled on a north to south or south to north pattern but would totally ignore a lure passing from east to west or west to east. I cannot explain why this occurs, but most other trollers I've talked to say they find the same situation when working the Tin Can.

I'd also advise you carry at least one or two trolling outfits that are loaded with monofilament line. Occasionally, weaks, blues and bass will chase anchovies, sand eels, bunker or rainfish to the surface. The only way to catch these fish is to cast directly

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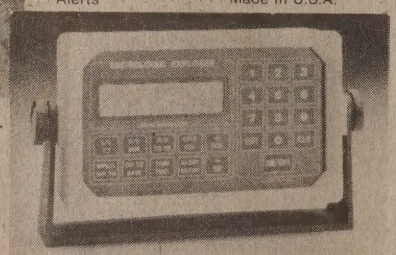

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to the fish or to troll lures (mostly swimming type plugs) on or near the surface.

Don't expect too much surface action on weekends or when a large fleet of boats are present. It isn't likely that you will see many fish on top when there is a lot of surface commotion.

As a rule, the best time to fish top water is early morning, late evening or after dark when the pleasure boaters are off the water and things have settled down enough to allow the fish a chance to school up before feeding.

I wouldn't ignore the southern end of the Tin Can Grounds. The Ambrose Channel marks the southern extreme of the Tin Can and is often the most productive area since it has a combination of shallow and deep water habitat. The channel is set off from the Tin Can Grounds by a series of marker buoys that run west to east from the bay to ocean. Trollers will find it pays to troll the upper edge, where shallow waters taper off to the deep.

There are dropoffs along the northern edge of Ambrose Channel that go from 20 to 50 feet and in some places as deep as 80 feet. This is the finest kind of water for catching bragging size stripers and big slammer bluefish, especially during the last couple hours of outgoing tide.

Boaters who are not familiar with the Tin Can Grounds can home in on the area by lining up Rockaway Point and the tip of Sandy Hook. The Tin Can Grounds are located closer to Rockaway than Sandy Hook and are in line with the lower portion of Romer Shoals.

If you have a Loran C unit I suggest you head for TDs 26972/43740. Keep in mind, this is the general location of the Tin Can and will not put you onto many of the principal fishing areas.

A lot of trollers, when faced with so much potentially good fishing water, get into a rut and continue to stick with one small area. Savvy trollers, however, will find it pays to explore.

Some of the best catches I've taken came about when I moved off from the fleet and found a high bottom spot that was being ignored. Striped bass in particular, will often move away from the boat traffic and seek out these smaller spots.

Just west of the Tin Can you'll see East Bank; this, too, is a spot worth trying. It is an easy run to East Bank, most of it through potentially good fish holding water. I'd troll through the entire area and keep watch for sudden dropoffs or lumps that come up sharply from deep to shallow waters.

Just across Ambrose Channel you'll find an area most regulars refer to as "Between the Channels." This is also superb holding water which we'll cover more thoroughly in a future Fisherman article. For now, you'll have plenty to do just learning the spots that proliferate throughout the Tin Can Grounds, and the techniques that produce fish from these productive waters.

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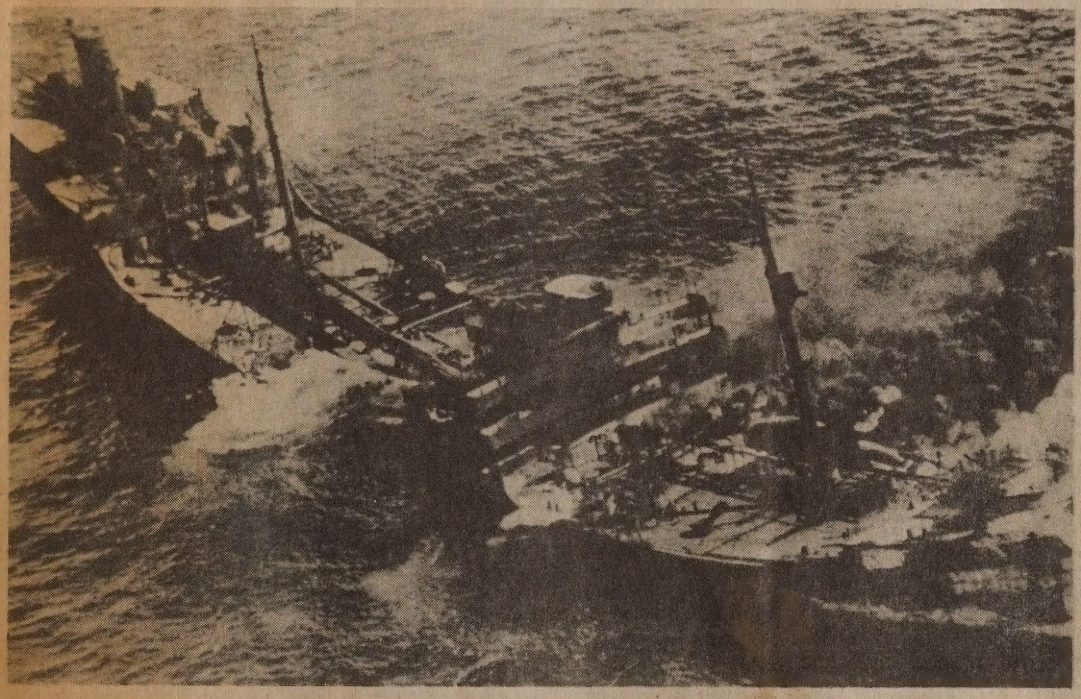

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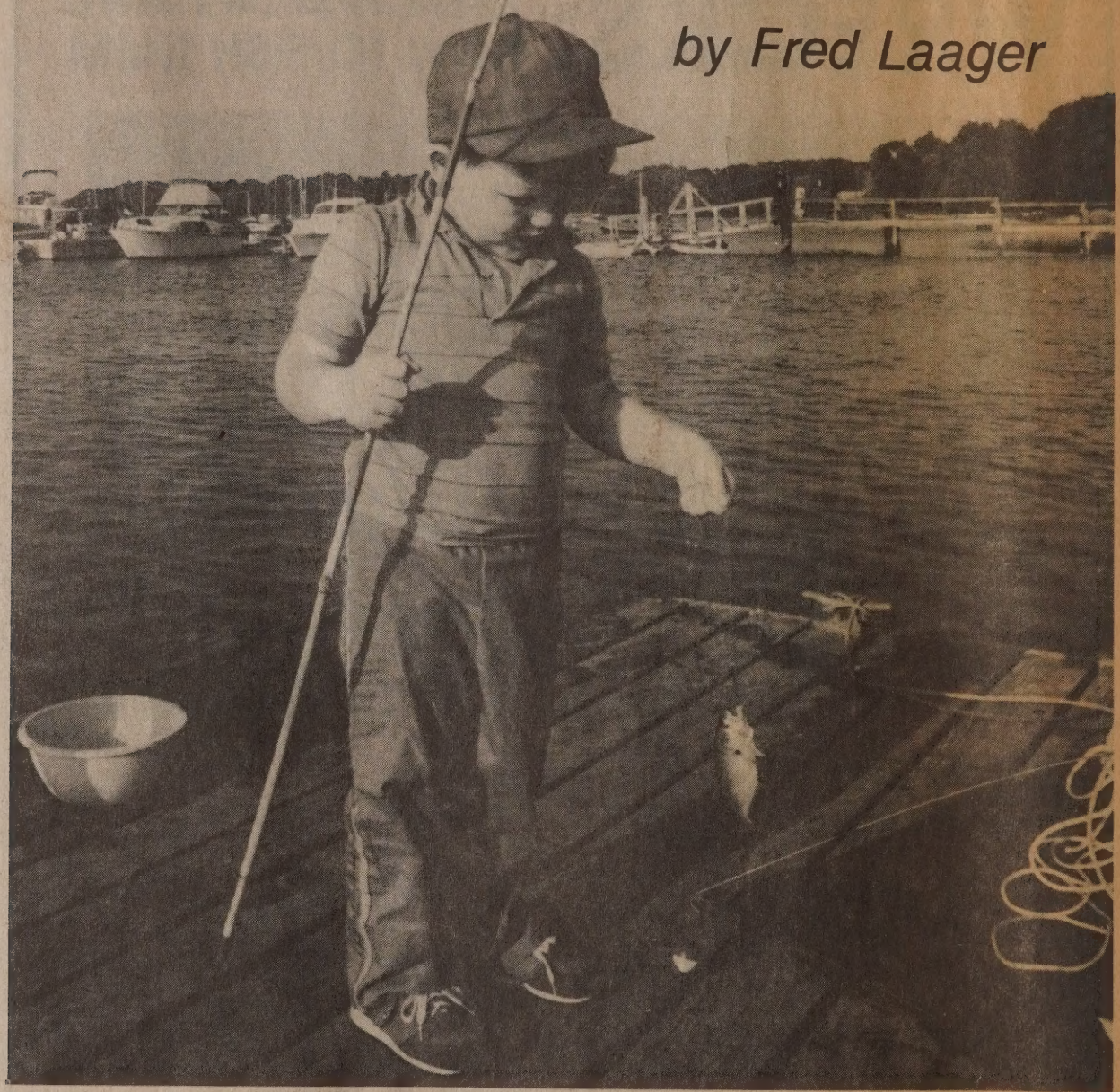
by Fred Laager



September is the time for snappers. Large schools of these juvenile bluefish surround local docks and piers and patrol along almost all of our beaches looking for an easy meal. A well presented bait or a small lure coupled with a minimum amount of effort, thought and perseverance is all that one needs to score on these feisty summer fighters.

Snappers are baby bluefish and like their older, more seasoned counterparts, have an appetite that is insatiable. They will eat anything that moves, or at least try. A large popping plug or swimmer is often pecked at by a pack of snappers hoping, like piranha, to cut their prey down to size. Indeed, it has happened more times than I care to recall that a 10 inch snapper got his mouth around a 3/0 treble hook at the tail of a six inch plug. One can't help but be amazed at the sheer ferociousness of these little fish but it is that ferociousness, that reckless aggression and disregard for danger that makes them so easy to catch. It is the smart angler who capitalizes on this trait of the snapper who comes home with a lot of pleasant memories and a full pail for dinner.

Adult bluefish love movement and hunt by sight. Snappers are no exception to this characteristic of their species. Because snappers love bright, animated objects, you should always keep your lure moving. This end is best accomplished by using a spinning rod to present your lures. Small 1/4 ounce Kastmasters, Sidewinders, Phoebes (my favorite), a Krocodile or similar spoon must be kept in motion to prompt a strike. Also, the speed of the retrieve is critical to catching fish. When you first acquire one of these lures, drag it through the water in front of you and watch to see how fast it should be retrieved to achieve a wobbling action. When casting, keep the lure working and vary the speed either faster or slower if the fish aren't getting hooked. Use the clicker of your reel to help you remember the rhythm of a certain speed of retrieve that has been catching. Some reels have an optional clicker just for that

purpose. Once you hit upon the right speed, stay with it. All snappers are cut from the same mold. When you fool one, chances are you'll fool another using the same approach.

Snapper poppers have come into vogue again and are highly productive when fished correctly. Nothing more than a teaser, the snapper popper is a 1/2 inch wooden dowel approximately 2 to 3 inches long and is usually painted red and white. It is followed by a 12 to 15 inch piece of 20 pound test monofilament and a small tubed hook is tied in at the end. The entire rig is cast out among the voracious hordes and popped along the surface creating a commotion that snappers can't resist. At first, a group of the little devils try to hit the popper gang-style, but it isn't long before one of the more opportunistic among them notices the small tidbit trailing behind and attacks it. Instantly a fish is on and another snapper is added to the pail.

But casting lures requires effort and is a practice nowhere near as relaxing or as nostalgic as the old shiner and bobber combo used with a bamboo rod. As a boy, my first outfit was a rig of this kind purchased at a local five-and-dime store. In my early years I looked upon that rod as a marvel of the angling world. I remember the way it came packaged all neatly wrapped in cellophane and I recall the highly glossed finish of the fire treated bamboo.

"This was a fine snapper pole," I thought, "not one of the ordinary kind the neighborhood boys cut from the wild stands of local bamboo but a two piece department store kind complete with a shiny aluminum ferrule and a ring eye at the tip."

Indeed, I thought of the rod as a fine tool and handled it the way a pool hustler handles his prized pool cue. I treated that gorgeous stick with the same care my modern gear receives, but with a bit more reverence because it was my first rod and my father had given it to me.

It was mid-September and I was surprised to see my father waiting for me as I was dismissed from school that afternoon. He said we were going fishing as he held out the new rod before me. Instantly, my heart raced with excitement as I eyed the bamboo marvel before me and envisioned myself doing battle with all sorts of finny creatures like those I had read about in Field & Stream.

"We're going snapper fishing," he said, "the guy at the bait shop said they're all over the place so why don't you and I go and get a whole bunch for dinner? Look here, I've got a rod like yours!"

And upon uttering those words, dad produced a similar rod to mine, but I noticed that his wasn't varnished and lacked the ring eye at the tip. Clearly he had given me the better of the two wands hoping perhaps that the better quality rod would compensate for my lack of experience and give me a much needed advantage. He also showed me the frozen spearing we would be using for bait and insisted that we were now prepared to catch anything that swims. Together we hopped into our Ford station wagon and beat it down to the docks in Port Jefferson Harbor eager to put our poles and bait to good use.

Upon arriving at the waterfront, we found a suitable place to fish between the pier and the ferry boat "Catskill," and we found good seating on a pair of lead coated pylons. Quickly, I learned to bait up putting the hook through the head of the spearing the way my father did and adjusted the bobber for a depth of three feet or so. Using the length of the cane rod for leverage, both my father and I tossed out our offerings and waited for a bite. It wasn't long before I caught my first snapper and I grinned with excitement as I added the first fish to the pail. It was a monumental day and one I would never forget: my dad and I, my newly consecrated fishing pole and a pail full of fish that we had caught together.

Where productivity is concerned, I think the cane rod outfit of yesteryear holds its own among the more technologically advanced reels and rods of today. Where snapper fishing is concerned, its simplicity makes it easy on the mind and the wallet as well. Nothing more than a bamboo stick to which a length of line is tied, a hook attached and a bobber added, the cane rod outfit is easily baited up with a shiner, sand eels or piece of snapper, the resulting rig flipped out or lowered leisurely into the water and the bobber patiently watched for any signs of a nibble. When the bobber is taken under, the fish is hooked easily by lifting the rod. In one swift motion the fish comes out of the water and is placed in the pail or released. What could be easier and more relaxing? There are no tangles and no broken reels to fuss with and if the rod breaks a new one can be purchased for two bucks or so.

There is nothing more pleasureable than sitting by the waterside on a bright September day. A cup of coffee, a buttered roll and the sound of ropes playing against metallic masts is all the companionship I need as I cast a small lure or popper among the snappers feeding below. Occasionally, during the course of the afternoon, a youngster will approach me on the way home from school and ask me what I'm catching.

"Snappers," I'll say as I point to the pail beside me, "do you want to give it a try?"

"Okay," says the inquisitive youth, so I hand over the spinning rod and walk over to my car which is parked alongside the pier. "Hey mister," says the youngster, "are you sure you don't want to fish with this pole?"

"No," I reply as I reach for my old cane pole and admire the bright aluminum ferrule that hasn't tarnished with age. "You keep right on fishing," I said, "I've got another pole here that works just fine."

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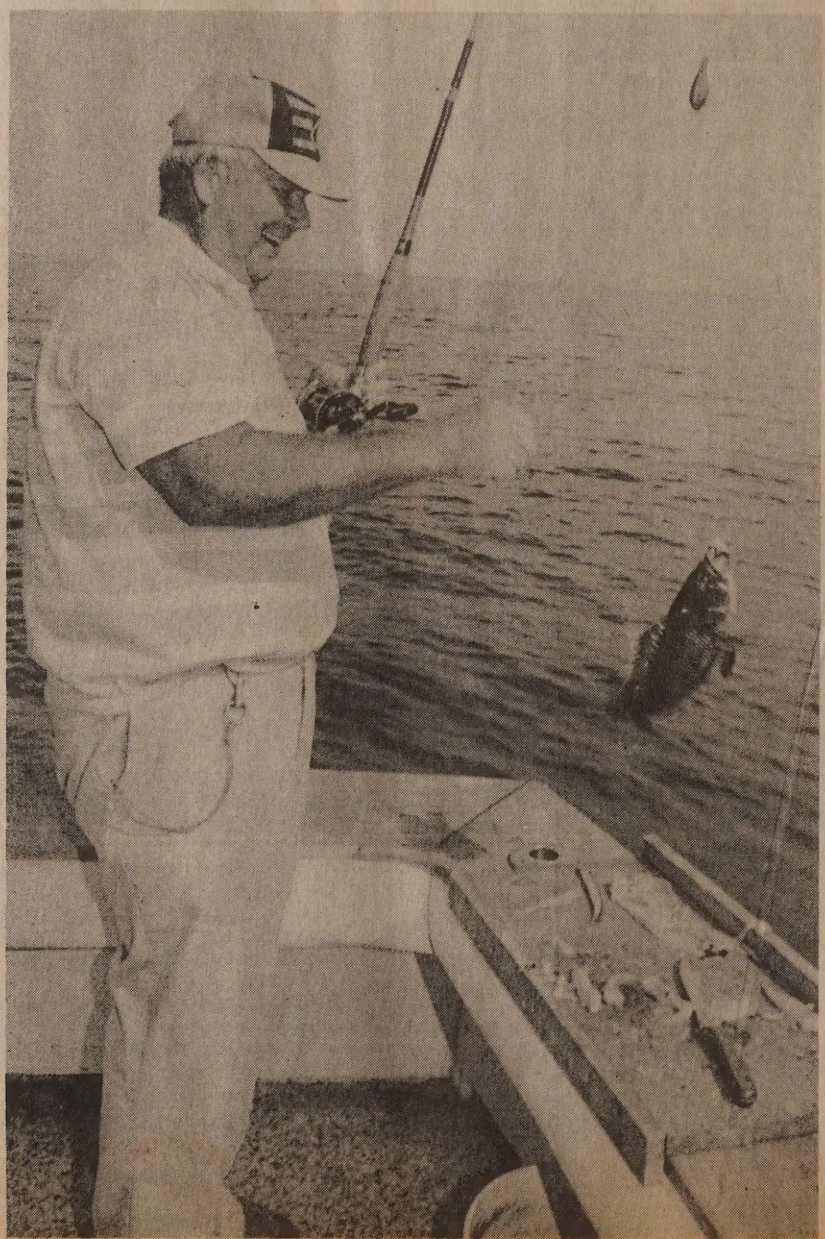
HARVEST TIME ON INSHORE WRECKS

by Dick Mermon

About six nautical miles south of Jones Inlet, the marker buoy splattered the surface as it unwound rapidly from the line attached to a sashweight. When it stopped spinning, we hoped it would pinpoint an old wreck that is marked on navigation charts as the "Steel Wreck." Once the yellow colored plastic jug remained motionless and bobbed back up, we knew the weight had touched bottom. The boat made a second pass over the area thought to be the wreck and the marker bull's-eyed its target. The graph recorder revealed a minor bottom rise, then instantly rose slightly upwards. This was the major portion of the debris.



Sea bass account for some very fine wreck action during September. ***Dick Mermon photo.***

In this second bottom reading, just above the sharp rise were several cluster slashes. Others appeared along the flattened portion of the wreck where no rises formed. These darkened groups as we later discovered were sea bass that took up temporary residence on the wreck. The fluke, which were our main targets, probably settled outside the debris.

Through the years, these inshore wrecks have been covered by shifting sand sufficiently enough to show little of the original wreckage. There are almost no openings left that sand has not infiltrated, but ridges and depressions replace the decaying solids, inviting the late summer inhabitants like sea bass and fluke into these dilapidated ruins.

As summer begins giving way to autumn, fluke embark on their annual migration from the bays. Such prey as sand shrimp and squid rarely travel at this time of year beyond the 60 foot water depth. Since these submerged structures offer temporary shelter for the bait, fluke take positions mostly around the rises, in the depressions where sand is softer. This was the reason for placing the marker buoy as we did in the beginning, to establish the wreck's foremost position and be able to drift the sides first, then across the main portion. It actually allows the boat to make several passes, each slightly further away from the submerged obstacle.

Sea bass, especially juveniles are also in their early fall migratory state and station themselves within these inshore wrecks. Being in water depths between 40 and 60 feet, you would think these inshore rises harbor tautog as well, but most of them only sustain a few fish, if any at all. Blackfish relish more extreme structure containing holes and hiding places fashioned from steel and rock. They like to utilize these areas for concealment and relief from strong currents. Also, most of their forage is found growing on, or within this hard structure.

Sea bass, on the other hand, fancy locations that contain covered over ridges and gullies, with some aquatic growth and require the presence of tidal flows. They are extremely aggressive characters and will chase after bait far off the wreck if need be. Blackfish, in their feeding habit re-

main within immediate surroundings, permitting the food to come directly to, or within reasonable reach of the guarded area. Locating these "hiding holes" is the secret to success when the two wreck dwellers are sought and can make the difference between a catch of tautog or bass. Furthermore, tautog favor higher mounts in their domains, with sharper ridges where an angler's hooks become easily snagged. Sea bass persist in living on more plateau type wrecks, flattened by tidal currents and coated with sand.

Tides and their velocity are a major influence when fishing the inshore wrecks for fluke and sea bass. Even though each species has its preferred periods, most of the time they coincide. However, strong currents, due to moon phases or strong winds, can curtail activity considerably. The last half of the moon's stages have been in the primary feeding periods in the past and particularly on an ebbing tide. Should there be a moderate southerly breeze in combination with the tide and moon, the action can be heavy.

Standard fluke rigs, with their long leaders have been employed while fishing around these wrecks. Recently, however, anglers have replaced these bare hooks with a small bucktail or with some other type of hair, tied onto the hook's shank. A squid strip is then applied. Even sea bass have become intensely interested in this contemporary presentation over a simple piece of squid offering. The new idea not only presents the natural aroma of the squid, but emits the pulsating action by the hair and the combination is deadly.

As the fluke exodus from the bays grows, each of these inshore reefs become brief stopovers and most of the fish that utilize the area are well over the 14 inch legal limit length. In fact, these summer flounder average about 3 pounds in weight and some register into double figures at times. Although the sea bass found residing on the inshore wrecks are smallish, there is an occasional humpback that will be caught.

There are three wrecks which each season maintain a good number of fluke for several weeks while the sea bass population is building. The Stone Barge (Loran C 43733 and 26782), the Iberia (43735 and 26855) and the Steel Wreck (43697 and 26785), are all proven territory for inshore/offshore fluke and sea bass fishing. The one wreck which is actually considered to be a prime tautog spot, is the T Wreck. A scattered three piece hazard that lies so close to shore, it has been forgotten by most fluke fishermen, but has the potential to harbor doormat size fish.

The most gratifying aspect of drifting inshore wrecks is the knowledge that no commercial dragger has been able to deplete the area of bass or fluke. It's also comforting to know that your wreck hotspot will always be there.

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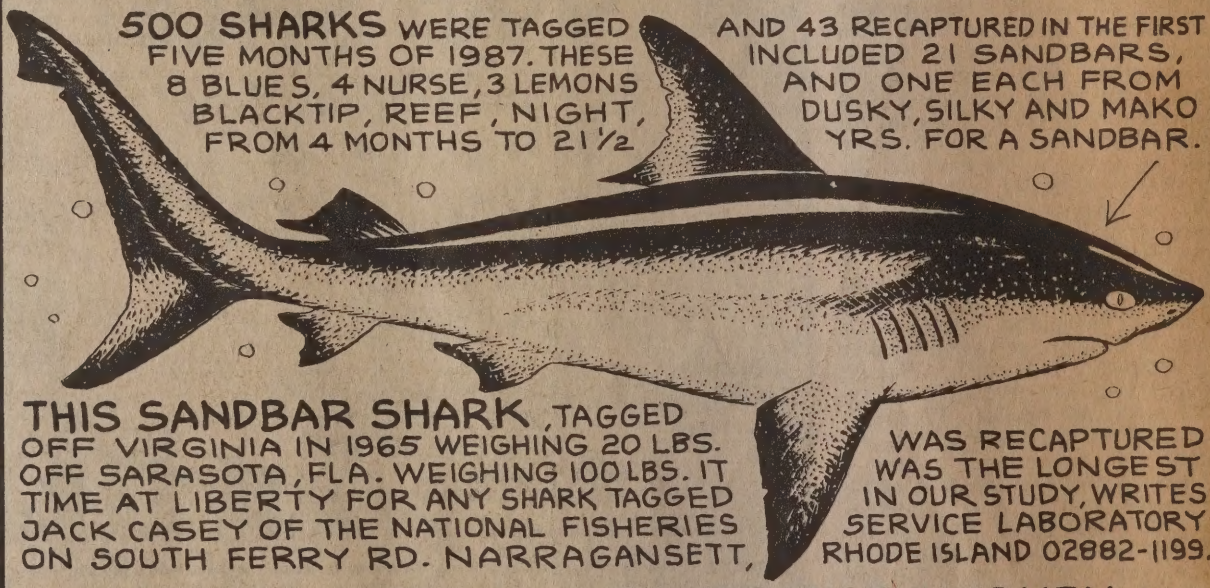

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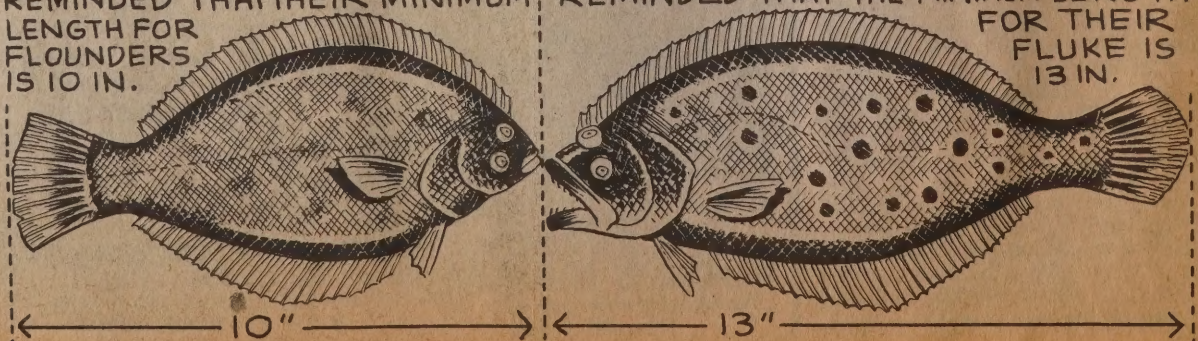

TREATING YOUR CATCH WITH CARE

by Matt Ahern

Not too long ago I spent a day party boat wreck fishing for sea bass. It was hot and humid; what ocean breeze existed seemed to increase the discomfort. Just one of those not unusual August days, I told myself. But it didn't work. Hot weather bothers me; always has. I often complain to my fishing buddies that the older I become, the hotter the weather. But I don't get much sympathy. In fact, my annual complaining has caused my lifelong fishing buddy Artie Leidecker to remark that if I lived long enough, I'd probably find hell cool by comparison when I eventually arrived there.

Well, anyway, it was hot that day, as I say. The fishing was fair to middling, with each of the two score passengers on board having several nice-sized bass in his bucket. During a lull as the fish regrouped (or whatever it is they do), the young fisherman beside me at the rail lowered a rope-tethered bucket into the sea, allowed it to fill, and then poured its contents into his fish bucket.

"Keeps 'em cool," he enlightened me.

I said nothing; merely shrugged my shoulders.

"You ought to do that, old-timer," he said. "I'll dip some water, if you want."

"No; but thanks, anyway," I replied.

Both of us continued to fish, each landing a nice sea bass from time to time. Thirty/forty minutes passed and then the young fellow turned, got my attention, and said: "How come?"

"How come what?" I asked.

"How come you don't want water on your fish?"

"I don't want them to spoil." I peered into his bucket. "Look at your fish."

Every fish was dead, their mouths agape, their coloration several shades lighter than normal. "See that? Wait a few more minutes son, and you won't have to cook 'em when you get home."

All true, of course. If you want to destroy that ambrosia-like flavor, if you wish to relegate your fish to the swill pail, I can think of no better way than to keep them in water on a hot, sweltering day. In fact, this isn't even a good practice on a cool day—or, as far as I'm concerned, any day. Period. This, of course, presents a problem for summertime fishermen. But there are solutions.

It would be foolish to suggest cleaning each fish as it's caught. Therefore, when conditions warrant

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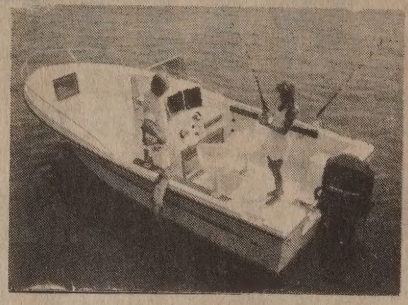

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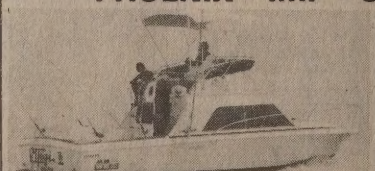

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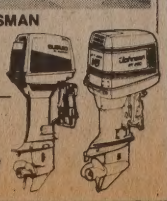

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(as when skiff fishing), fishermen should consider keeping their catch in an ice chest containing several frozen-water milk containers, or a chunk of well-insulated dry ice.

It is best to place your fish in a large plastic bag as you catch them, and then lay this directly on the ice. The bag will keep your fish out of the melting ice water, which, if you fail to prevent this from happening, will cause the interior to become slime encrusted and foul smelling.

There are times when handling large ice chests isn't convenient, such as when party boat fishing (although some fellows manage to do this). It is then when you'll find a clean burlap bag makes a good substitute. When wet occasionally, and kept out of the sun, it will keep your catch cool by the process of evaporation.

But it is when skiff fishing that fishermen have the least trouble, for it is here where they can easily solve their fish-keeping problems.

I did away with my headache by simply constructing a live-fish box. When this is hung overboard, each fish you catch will be as frisky at day's end as when first caught. I made one years ago and wouldn't be without it—especially when fluke fishing where summer's heat kills the fish in minutes.

Such a box is easy to construct. Mine is made of 1X12" pine shelving. Its dimensions are 18X12X10". The bottom is made of half inch hardware cloth, held in place by 1/2 by 3/4 inch pine strips. The hinged top is 8 inches wide and centered. The locking arrangement is a medium sized brass hasp, although you can use any kind of gadget dreamed up to hold the lid closed. All fastenings should be copper, brass, or aluminum.

It isn't necessary to make your fish box the exact dimensions as mine. It can be smaller or larger, depending upon your needs. I do suggest, though, that you paint it a bright color—not white or green, however. If the day is choppy with white caps and the box drifts away, you'll have a difficult time locating it when white or green paint is used. Any bright color will make it easy to spot.

And be sure to fasten it securely to the skiff, preferably on the opposite side from which you are fishing. You sure don't want it in your way when netting a good sized fluke. It's also a good idea to lift the box inboard each time you put a fish in—fluke especially use some cute tricks to free themselves from the fisherman's grasp. Again, I'll say a word to the wise is sufficient. (I should practice what I preach. I lost a beauty one day when I was too lazy to take my own advice.)

Okay...so you've done all this and now you've got your fish home in tip-top shape. What do you do now to keep them that way? Easy. You clean them as soon as possible; that's what. Yes, I know when you arrive home after all those hours in the hot sun, or whatever, you're pretty tired—and pooped to beat. I know, for I've cer-

tainly been there. But those fish must be cleaned as soon as you can or all the trouble you took to keep them fresh will have been in vain.

But fret not. Old Matt will tell you of a method to clean a fish in ten seconds. The following is the method I use to clean all round fish—round fish meaning any fish but flounder or fluke. Those I always fillet.

Only two tools are needed to do a fast and efficient job: a good scaler, preferably with an offset handle to prevent being punctured by too close contact with sharp-finned fish such as sea bass, porgies and blackfish—and a stiff, sharp knife. You'll find a butcher's boning knife to be ideal. Keep it sharp by honing its edge occasionally.

My advice is to shun those knives that come equipped with a scaler along one edge. In my estimation they are usually too short, too broad, and too thick to do a professional job.

In order to clean a fish in ten seconds, you must work in a certain way. No problem, though. First, scale **all** your fish at one time. Get that chore out of the way immediately. Much time is lost if each fish is scaled and then cleaned before moving on to the next one.

Wash each fish to remove loosened scales. This will not only prevent dulling the knife's keen edge, but it will also help prevent a cut should the fish slip while in your grasp due to those loose scales.

Grasp the fish in one hand and push the knife point completely through the fish aft of the pectoral fin—this is the fin at the middle of each fish near the gill cover. Next, angle the knife toward the vent and slice through with one motion. This cut is high enough to remove all intestines and most of the rib cage.

Next, remove the head.

You have cleaned and gutted a fish with but two swift passes of the knife blade. If you can't gut and behead an average sized fish with this method, my good friend, you aren't really trying.

You'll find, too, that if you decide to fillet any of these round fish, it now becomes easy to do. If filleting is your plan, don't bother to scale your fish. You'll find also that fillets with scales intact are much easier to skin—the scales act as a barrier, preventing the knife blade from cutting through the paper-thin skin.

To fillet round fish at this point, simply place your knife at the shoulder, then slice along the backbone to the tail, using short, deft strokes. Lift off the side as you go along. Easy—especially when you don't have the head and rib cage interfering with the knife blade.

Now to more advance filleting: fluke and flounder.

Lay the fish on a board, top side up for fluke, bottom side up for flounder (this is because the fluke is a left-handed flatfish, and the winter flounder is a right-handed flatfish—some day I'll explain all this).

Make a diagonal cut from the shoulder toward you, skirting the aft portion of the gut cavity. Next, make a long cut along the center of the fish to the tail, following the slightly indented natural line running the length of the backbone. (The fresher the fish, the deeper the line.) Slice off one piece at a time, working from the center to the outside fin line. This method will give you four slices from each fish. Take it slow and easy at the beginning and you'll soon master it.

Some fishermen would rather have two large slices of fillets instead of four small ones. To do so, make a diagonal cut as before, then a half inch in from the top fin make a long, continuous cut to the tail, following the contour of the fish. Start your filleting at the shoulder and work the side off. Repeat on the opposite side.

To skin a fillet is easy. Place the piece skin side down on a cutting board and make a slice about a half inch in from the tail—carefully! Don't go through the skin. Then with a firm grip on the "handle"—that half inch piece—work it from side to side with a sawing motion, placing pressure on the knife blade as you slide it between the skin and meat. The skin will peel off as if by magic. This also takes a little practice, but it is soon mastered.

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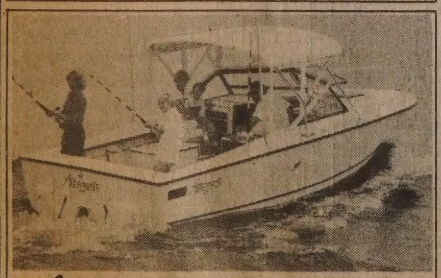

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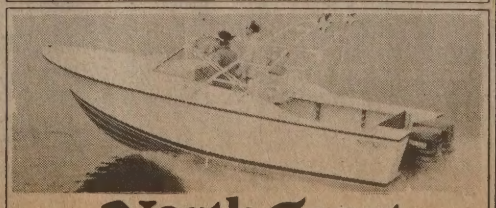

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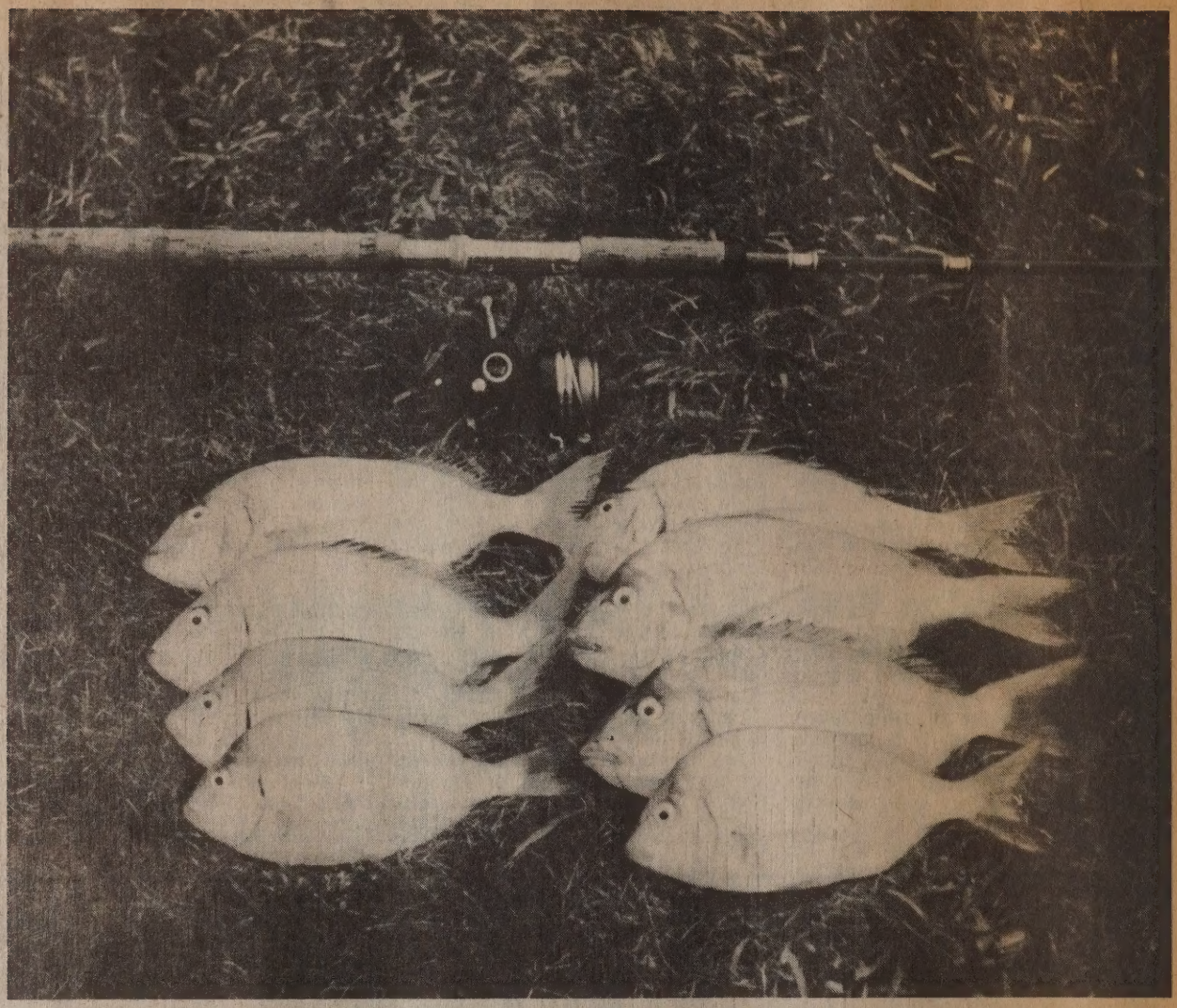

SOUND SHORE SCUP

by Gerald Hahn

Many years ago, two friends of mine, John and David, were discouraged by the poor surf fishing they were experiencing. Although they often managed to snag a few bunker, they couldn't land a blue. I told them that if they were willing to switch to porgies, we could fill a bucket. John and David were skeptical at first, especially when we started a long trek to Shoreham's east jetty, which was open to fishermen at the time. After putting the car in the Lilco parking lot, we started following the west gate, about a quarter of a mile to the inlet. However, the foliage in midsummer was so dense here that a machete would have been preferable to a fishing rod. Staggering through this jungle in a poor imitation of Tarzan, Boy and Cheetah, we finally arrived at a clearing along the back side of the beach. By then, John, having tangled his fishing line on a bush, had an empty spool, and David was gasping for water.

"All this for a porgy we won't catch anyway," they grumbled. "If you guys can portage a boat through the Allagash for a 12 inch trout," I said, "you can work a little for Shoreham's scup."

At the crack of dawn, we arrived a the tip of the jetty facing Long Island Sound. Armed with sand worms and bottom rigs and light tackle, including John's re-spooled Garcia 300, we filled the bucket with 3/4 pound porgies during the next three hours. For some reason, John and David didn't complain about the trek back to the car.

Although the Shoreham jetty is now closed, there are others along the Sound, such as Mattituck Inlet and the breakwaters west of Sunken Meadow. Furthermore, porgies are also taken from various North Shore beaches, at such places as Rocky Point, Miller Place, Wildwood and Petty's Bight.

When fishing off a jetty, which has deep water close by, and few obstructions on the bottom, you can use the kind of light tackle we had brought to Shoreham. A light 6 foot spinning rod matched with a reel such as the Daiwa 1300-C spooled with 8 pound test is adequate. However, when fishing from a beach, the tackle should be heavier, not only to reach the fish, but also to cope with the structure below. Thus, a light 9 foot surf rod is in order here, and a medium sized surf spinning reel such as the Penn 550 spooled with 15 or 20 pound test.

No matter whether you fish from a beach or a jetty, a typical porgy rig consists of two #4 to #1 beak hooks

snelled to 12 inch leaders of 30 pound test. The hooks, preferably with barbs on the shank, are tied in tandem and attached to a snap swivel at the end of the running line. For jetty fishing, a 2 or 3 ounce bank sinker is connected to the swivel as well. For beach fishing, however, you may have to increase the weight to 4 ounces.

Some beach fishermen favor a high-low rig for porgies. In weed-strewn water, the top hook usually remains clear of debris. Incidentally, this hook attracts the largest porgies. A high-low rig begins as before, but only one hook is attached to the swivel. A dropper loop 13 inches above the swivel holds the top hook. If the bottom is very rough, however, consider using a leader of 30 pound test for the rig. Connect the leader to a barrel swivel, which goes to the running line and tie on the hooks and sinker as mentioned. The leader strengthens the rig and in the event of a snag, the fishing line will probably break at the swivel instead of at the rod tip.

Although there are several baits for porgies, the best is a sand worm. Cut into one-inch segments and threaded on the hooks and over the barbs on the shank, the wriggling worms attract the most porgies. Aside from bloodworms, and even earthworms, some fishermen use skimmer clams sliced thin and twisted and impaled several times on the hook. Rating a poor third is a wedge of squid, which is rigged in a similar manner to skimmers. Though seldom used, fingernail-sized baitfish will also take porgies.

Although porgies are most active at dawn and dusk, especially during the summer, they also feed in the middle of the day, primarily around the change of tide. The last two hours of the incoming tide until about an hour past high slack is the best time to fish. In late summer and fall, midday fishing picks up considerably as the water cools. At this time, the porgies feed heavily in anticipation of their return to the Continental Shelf and fish over a pound are often caught by shorebound anglers.

When fishing off the end of a jetty or a breakwater, the angler should explore the terrain by making several casts in an arc. Sometimes the fish are way out, but they are also known to feed close to the rocks. Therefore, retrieving the rig slowly, with pauses along the way, should be considered.

Fishing from a beach is more difficult because the fish move about. Nonetheless, there are clues on almost every beach. These include the blackened water that reveals a mussel bed below and the odd ripples hinting at a submerged boulder. Some beaches, such as Wildwood and Sound Beach are easier to explore, because enormous boulders stick out of the water, even at high tide.

There are, in fact, two ways to fish a beach for porgies. The first one is similar to jetty fishing, except that the cast is generally much farther out. Fishing in an arc and working the rig all the way back covers more territory from the spot. If nothing happens after 20 minutes, move on to another spot. The second method involves a rig that will drag along the bottom as it is pulled by the current. Use a slightly lighter sinker than the norm, and cast to the upcurrent side of the potential spot. As every boat fisherman knows, porgies will take a moving bait and dragging the rig along the bottom mimics this effect. When a porgy hits the bait, you can increase the sinker weight and make subsequent casts directly to the discovered spot; or you can repeat the drifting method.

Porgies, though small and far from streamlined, are surprisingly swift and strong. Their bodies are compressed at the sides, and their pectoral fins are large. These features enable the fish to make sharp turns in close quarters. Porgies also have large spines on the dorsal fin, for defending themselves against predators and fishermen who are all thumbs. Finally, porgies have a small, pointy mouth, which enables them to strip a hook in short order.

Thus, the fisherman must pay careful attention to the rod tip, and the fishing line must always be tight. Give the porgy a few inches of slack line and you will soon have to bait up again. The fish, however, usually alerts the angler, by pecking rapidly at the baited hook. Set the hook instantly, and then be prepared for a ride in a bumper car at an amusement park, for the porgy darts in every direction and seldom tires.

Many people do not bother with porgies because the fish are laced with fine bones. Small summer scup are difficult to fillet and the larger ones taken later on, a chore to scale. The scales fly in every direction, like guided missiles. Nevertheless, the fish's flesh, a delicate pink color, makes excellent table fare. The porgy may not have feature billing on the menu of a Chinese restaurant, but at home Orientals hold the fish in high esteem. They would gladly trade a few sand porgies for a 10 pound blue. The porgy's delicate flavor is similar to the Southern snapper's, an expensive item in any seafood restaurant.

One problem on the North Shore is that access to many beaches is restricted during the summer. The State Parks at Sunken Meadow, Wildwood and Orient Point provide access, however. At this time, you can also try other places, such as the State Park at Cedar Beach, near Sag Harbor, and the Peconic Bay side of the Shinnecock Canal. After Labor Day, restrictions are lifted at many beaches on the Sound, and you can fish throughout the day.

John and David learned a long time ago that pursuing porgies is less strenuous, despite their jungle safari and often more rewarding than pursuing predatory fish. This season, head for the Sound, and sound the bottom for scup.

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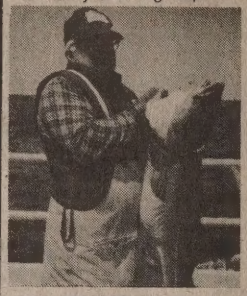

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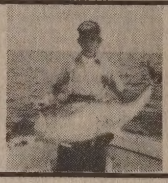

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

The holiday weekend brought anglers out in force with catches of big fluke including one world's record at Montauk, excellent tuna action at Montauk and Shinnecock, impressive striped bass catches at Montauk and plenty of porgies locally. A drop in water temperatures with plenty of bait fish around has apparently triggered the fall fish run.

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A 15 lb. fluke, caught on Berkley Trilene 16 pound test line and a Capt. Charlie Nappi rig was submitted for a men's world record on Monday. The impressive fish was caught by Walter Dirshalter who was fishing with Percy Heath, Capt. Nappi and Charlie Murphy on the "Fiddler," and weighed at West Lake Lodge. The group fished Montauk's South Side. It must be noted that this is the fourth world record fluke caught on Percy's "Fiddler," and the sixth on Capt. Nappi fluke rigs!

Inshore fishing is very good, said TJ of **Gone Fishing Marina** who saw many fluke of 5 and 6 lbs. brought into the marina this past week. Last Monday, Jim Santamarina of Fishkill, NY captured a 12 lb. 8 oz. fluke fishing incoming tide on Montauk's south side on "Getaway." On the weekend, Frank "Doc" Savage expertly handled a doormat of 16 lbs., while fishing Midway with Pete Amato and Chris Pantorno on 'Mimi.' The big fish, which will be mounted, fancied a strip of sea robin belly. Packy Collins, fishing the full moon on the weekend, returned great numbers of stripers, waiting for the big one. He returned to the marina with a 48 lb. bass. Plenty of porgies and sea bass were seen at the marina on the weekend as well. On the offshore scene, yellowfin tuna are gradually being replaced by bluefin, many in the 50 to 100 lb. range.

Another notable fluke catch, reported by John Sekora, Jr., was a 14 lb. doormat caught early last week by Mike Lancer.

In order to take advantage of the fall fluke run on the south side, Capt. Paul Forsberg has scheduled special **Viking** all day fluke trips on Sept. 13th and 14th. Although there had been a slowdown in tuna catches last week, the weekend's trip successfully boated three dozen tuna in the 50 to 150 lb. range for 30 anglers. **Viking** tuna trips are scheduled until mid-October;

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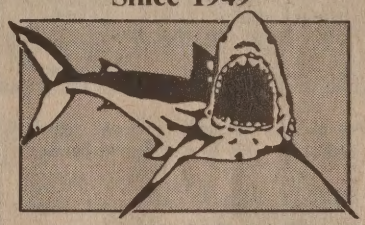
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reservations are necessary. Friday's codfish trip for 40 anglers saw about 200 cod come over the rails, with the pool taken by a 25 lber. Blues remain excellent, with most fish in the 10 to 15 lb. range.

Henry Uihlein stated that fall fishing started off on a high note with plenty of blues, fluke, sea bass and porgies seen at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals.** Fluke catches remain strong. Fishing at North Rips, Philip Silano, Ricky Colassacco and their wives Luanne and Dina returned with 20 fluke plus a 4 lb. sea bass. John Derrico, with Michael Cundari and Gary Bowlsbui had the identical number of fluke, but managed 5 sea bass, same place.

Captain Dusty Dorzbacher reported excellent porgy catches on **Little Bear** on the holiday weekend, fishing various spots close to Montauk. On Thursday, Capt. Tom and his crew, on a busman's holiday from the **Pilot II**, had an excellent day with porgies. Low hook was 50 porgies, Jerry Roundtree counted 74 in his cooler. High hook on Wednesday, Irv Garner, caught 97 porgies. On Sunday, James Bostic took 80 porgies back to Englewood, NJ. Captain Dusty said that sizes are now mostly mediums and large, with the best yet to come.

Captain Bill Ricca of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** stated that while tuna catches were slightly off this week, anglers still managed three per trip, mostly bluefin in the 60 to 100 lb. range. Groups the past week included those arranged by Howard Johansen, Tom Rogan and Joe Seviroli.

John and Glenn Hanlon returned with four bushels of sea bass and porgies, fishing on the charter boat **Caprice** early last week. Wednesday's trip with Tim Hollway saw good tuna ction, five bluefin to 85 lbs. were boated. On Saturday's full moon, Lou De Ricco encountered loads of school bass, some to 25 lbs., fishing live eels at Great Eastern. Captain Bob Storc noted plenty of life on the fish finder. Sunday's trip with John and Bill Pierotti loaded up with large sea bass, fluke and blues to 14 lbs.

Captain John DeMaio reported tuna catches increasing by the weekend, with 9 bluefin boated on Monday's trip on the **Vivienne.** Anglers on the charter boat left the fish biting, having had enough! Since there are plenty of bass in Montauk waters, Captain DeMaio is now booking for October Full Moon, scheduling bass casting charters. Call him at (516) 324-8820 for available dates.

Anglers on the charter boat **Julie III** loaded up with blues to 18 lbs. on the weekend, said Capt. Ron Grandinetti. Saturday's trip with Vinnie Brown and his friends, caught blues to 18 lbs. On Sunday, Richard Aidello of Warwich, NY filled the box with blues to 15 lbs.

Captain Joe McBride saw decent tuna action on the charter boat **My Mate** during the week, with a pick up in action on the weekend. More bluefin have come into the area south of Block Island. Saturday's charter with the Parkstar Fishing Club of the Bronx, with Santos and Robbie fought 4 tuna, caught 2, top weight 100 lbs. Plenty of bass have come inshore, with some keepers among hundreds of shorts.

Katie, speaking for the **Montauk Marine Basin** said that the Canyon has come alive. The "Shooter" had a load of yellowfin, three bigeye tuna, some albacore and a 100 lb. swordfish on a weekend canyon trip. Inshore, fluking is very good; larger porgies and many sea bass were seen at the dock the past week. Captain Rob reported great tuna action on **Orion** on the weekend with 5 bluefin caught both Sunday and Monday, fish from 60 to 100 lbs.

Charter boats docked at **Tuma's Dock and Tackle** are returning with very good catches of porgies, blues and bass, fishing at the Point. The fall run of fluke is gaining steam. "Abracadabra" landed a yellowfin plus 5 bluefin tuna on a weekend charter.

At **Captain's Cove Marina**, Mary stated that many marina boats tried their hand with fluke on the weekend

with good catches reported: **Kraken III** had several 8 lb. fluke; **Joy Sea** reported fluke to 6 lbs.; marina boats such as "Wet Dream," "Against the Wind" and "Easy Living" reported catches of 3 to 4 dozen fluke apiece, to top weight 7 to 8 lbs. Plenty of tuna were seen on the dock, with an increase in catches on the weekend. Captain Howie Glickberg, on a canyon trip on "Jinx" returned with a 262 lb. bigeye, 5 yellowfin and 10 dolphin fish. Four tuna were caught on "Venture," three on "Barracuda" on the weekend. Recently, 10 year old Chris Pezulich, fishing with Jerry Passeretti fought and landed a 50 lb. bluefin while fishing on "High Hook."

A variety of fish came aboard the **Surfmaster II** during the past two weeks, said Capt. Tom Federico. Good tuna action was had on charters with Paul and Rob Saurer; Charlie McCarron; and Steve and Sandy La-Fountain with David Schiavoni and Manhy Cunha. Fluke and sea bass were caught by the De Santi charter. Youngsters Mitchell and Rachael, fishing with their dad, Norman, got their first taste of blues, catching 15 choppers in an hour's time. John Falborn with Matt McAree and Gus loaded up with blues, returned many small bass on a recent trip. Last Friday, youngsters Karen, Paul, Joe and Shelly fished with their fathers for a load of fluke, top weight 5½ lbs. on the south side. Sunday's shark trip with Oscar, Andrew, Ingvar, Nick and friends tagged and released four brown shark that weighed between 80 and 130 lbs.

SOUTH FORK

Rosemary Fedorco was aboard the **Wilhelric II** for last Wednesday's trip from Sag Harbor to Montauk. While a dozen anglers caught 65 nice fluke, Bob Pflug could have quit after he hooked into a doormat, which was expertly netted by Lee. The big fish weighed a whopping 10 lbs. Captain Artie Lach has made arrangements for the party boat to be docked at the **Montauk Marine Basin** on September 15 and 16 for all day doormat fluke trips. Reservations and deposit are necessary. Call (516) 728-2679 for further information. These trips will continue as long as the fluke run lasts. Saturday's porgy trip was the best of the year, with most anglers filling a five gallon bucket; low hook was 35 fish. Captain Lach fished at Gardiner's Island, in order to give the porgy grounds at New London a rest and found the porgies waiting and willing!

Three striped bass filled a huge cooler, said Thom Speckenbach. The fish, caught at Montauk, weighed 41, 47 and 49 lbs. Commack residents Frank King, John Wilson and Bo Malinowski fished live eels, hitting the right tide early Monday morning. Also heard at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** were verified catches of summer weakfish at Jessups, with blues at both Jessups and Rose's Grove. Summer weakfish were also discovered in Heady Creek by Mr. Limb, who caught several 4 and 5 lb. weaks on sand worms. Shinnecock jetties still hold blackfish, sea bass and trigger fish, while blues are entrenched off the beach. A few flounder were caught in Shinnecock Bay; good porgy and fluke catches on Montauk's South Side.

Joe Corr saw a few tuna on the dock at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** the past week. A 150 lb. yellowfin was brought back by Captain David Young on "Queens of Hearts" while trolling with Louis Marohnic and Miles and Doug Slater. The group was entertained by a school of porpoise which came close to the boat, close enough to be petted! Lou Menocal caught a 69 lb. yellowfin, plus a load of dolphin fish that filled a 5 gallon bucket.

The group on the charter boat **Goshawk**, Ed Bowen with his 8 year old son James and Mario Plastino, fought and boated a 180 lb. mako. Captain Ron Woodward located the shark in 120 feet of water, west of Shinnecock.

Anglers fishing the Shinnecock tuna grounds, 11 or so miles from the inlet, enjoyed a good bite on Sunday and Monday, returning with 3 to 6 tuna per boat—mostly bluefins of 75 to 125 lbs., with a few yellowfins. One of the most dedicated anglers on Sunday, Regan Santry, who was fishing with Captain Jeff Dixon, went to extraordinary lengths to catch his tuna. When a tuna hit a bait drifted on his new **Altenkirch and Son** custom tuna rod, Regan somehow managed to lose the rod (with its Shimano reel) overboard. Regan fearlessly dove into

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the water after his rod and managed to grab it before it disappeared. He and the rod, with tuna still at the end of the line, were pulled back into the boat. Twenty-five minutes later, the 40 lb. yellowfin was also brought aboard! Hank Altenkirch reported that the Canyon is now alive with fish. A swordfish, two bigeye tuna with 15 yellowfin were caught on "Queen Bess," while 30 yellowfin were captured on the "Barbara Jack." Trollers in search of bluefish were delighted to find Spanish mackerel and a few spotted cero hit their umbrella rigs. Bay fishing continues steady, with a good load of sea bass now biting at the Ponquogue Bridge. While one angler reported catching about 4 dozen, divers report that the area is paved with them.

"Commodore" Uncle Rock at **Mariner's Cove Marina** has kept us informed on the activities of his customers. The tuna bite at the Shinnecock tuna hole was pretty good on the weekend. Dick Salbo put two tuna, 60 and 200 lbs., in the fish box on "Hooked on You" on Friday. On Saturday, a 110 lb. yellowfin was caught on the "Freedom" on light tackle, with Capt. Marty Serotta, Pete, Danny and Danny. The bite improved on Sunday when Dan Johnson and Doug Sabo captured four tuna from 53 to 74 lbs., while Glenn Neuschwenber and his brother-in-law Glen, returned with six bluefin from 50 to 90 lbs. Vincent Perritori located a 50 lb. bluefin on "High Interest." "Butcher Boy" Bob Dane set up for shark near the tuna fleet with Ralph and John Paturno on "Vivienne II." Their efforts were rewarded with a 175 lb. mako.

Inshore, plenty of blues were trolled near the sea buoy with a few surprises. Trolled umbrella rigs, used by Bob and Greta Peterson on "Bee Gee" accounted for numerous blues each trip, plus a 10 lb. Spanish mackerel. Early last week, Bob and Greta discovered nice fluke just inside the inlet, fishing with Georgie and Wayne. Tony Bisignani and his teenage son, Tony found their load of blues just one mile east of the inlet in 30 feet of water.

Captain Don Van De Water reported a variety of catches on the charter boat **Dutch Treat** on the weekend. Three tuna to 60 lbs. were handled by Zeke Nesteruk on Thursday; Saturday's half day charter with Mr. Christopher loaded up with cocktail blues; Steve Corey fought a yellowfin tuna at the 40 fathom line, then three more later in the trip, chunking off Shinnecock.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The long Holiday weekend had a little of everything for area anglers. Already, there has been a touch of fall flavor added to the action. Blackfish are already well established in their usual bay haunts. On the outside, sea bass fishing is in fine shape with some very large specimens reported on the weekend. A number of skippers labeled the showing of tuna on the wrecks as the best action of the season. Some boatmen also indicated an improvement in the fluking as the summer flatties begin schooling near the inlets for their rapidly approaching offshore migration. Not all was roses, however, on the weekend. A big heave on the ocean Sunday and Mon-

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day along with moon tides created some problems.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Bob Romano of the private boat "No Mink" called to report a catch of three yellowfin tuna made southeast of Moriches Inlet in the Shinnecock fleet on Friday. Bob said that he, Billy Drew and Gary Jacqueman fished among a fleet of 30 or so boats and managed to land 3 of 7 tuna hooked. All were in the 50 to 60 pound class and were taken chunking.

According to Gary Grunseich at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, fluke fishing improved this week with the ratio of keepers to shorts now at 1:3. Buoys 31A and 36 produced the best results. Some boats returned with as many as 20 keepers on the weekend. A decent number of porgies and sea bass being taken in the holes around buoys 43 and 45. Gary looked over some big weakfish to 14 pounds taken on live snappers and bunker near the West Cut in recent days. He added that there are lots of bass settled into the inlet area with many of the fish ranging between 10 and 20 pounds. Some are being caught casting, others on live eels and bunker.

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** based **Alma Fleet** said that while there was some improvement in the fluke fishing, it was still generally spotty. He did have Mike Gladke and his son Mike aboard on Labor Day. Working south of buoy 29, the father and son team managed to put away 13 keepers. A reminder that the Alma will continue sailing for bay fluke 7:30 AM daily while the Alma III will be sailing 7:30 AM daily for ocean blues.

One of the season's better fluke for this area was taken aboard a private boat on Saturday. Howie Jewett put away a 9.2 pound doormat in the East Cut.

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At **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello said that snapper fishing remains in great shape at all of the local docks and crabbing has really picked up again. Speaking of snappers, six

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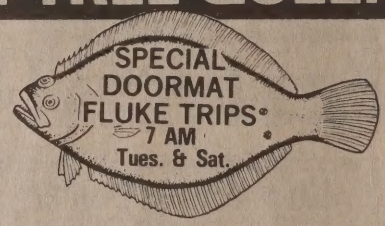

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year old Joe Senese and his 8 year old cousin Josh Senese used snapper poppers to catch 184 of the baby blues at Great Gun Town Beach. South of Sayville, small weaks in the 1-4 pound class continue to take squid strips or sandworms. The same weaks are also at Ocean Beach where they are mixed with porgies and sea bass. Squid strips taking all three species here. To the east, the Smith Point Bridge has lots of small porgies on clam or worm. Moriches Inlet is well supplied with big blues and bass. Live bait has been the ticket for stripers while chunk bait has worked well on the blues. Plenty of blues also outside at the Sea Buoy where wire line trollers and diamond jiggers have been doing a nice job on them. The key is to fish deep. Offshore anglers enjoyed very good tuna fishing over the weekend. Among those who connected were Buddy Renner and Tommy Tuna who put a 75 pound bluefin a board the "Lee Ann". They fished in the Shinnecock Fleet on Saturday.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave Canale spoke of very good snapper fishing and crabbing in Great River and its tributary canals. One to 4 pound class weaks being taken south of Heckscher on squid and sandworms. Some also near West Island. Brian Caslunare had 4 there one day this week. Len Glazer had an 8¾ pound tiderunner on Saturday. Some nice blackfish now being taken on the Kismet Reef. Dave reminded that the shop stocks green crabs during the week and fiddlers and greens on the weekends. They also have live eels in stock.

Curt over at **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** labeled the snapper fishing very good at Heckscher and all the local docks. Some excellent crabbing reported this week with both traps and baited lines effective. A good body of 1-3 pound weakfish out in the bay. Best results are being found by those working behind the clam dredges with squid strips or sandworms. Fluke fishing spotty with some improvement as some customers reported more keepers this week. Best bet for bigger fish remains on the outside reef. A decent showing of blackfish on the Kismet Reef with sea bass mixed in. Flounder fishing produced some good action this week in the Sore Thumb Pocket.

Jim Romano at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** said that there was a noticeable improvement in fluke fishing this week as the flatties appear to be gathering at the inlet. On Friday, Wayne Rogers worked the flood tide near the Coast Guard Station and put away 10 keepers. Plenty of sea bass up to 1 and 1½ pounds settled in along the west side of the Robert Moses Bridge. They are also mixed with blackfish on the Kismet Reef. A few blackfish also being picked at the R.M. Bridge.

Capt. Neil Delanoy's **Bay Shore** based open boat, **Laura Lee**, began its blackfish schedule on Friday. Neil

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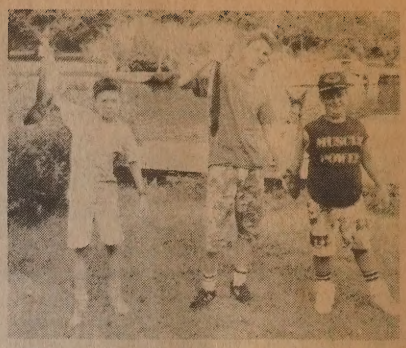
couldn't have been happier with the results as both Friday and Saturday produced more than 300 tog. Sunday provided the best fishing of the weekend with well over 500 blacks taken by a relatively small crowd. Hi-hook on Sunday's trip was Rich Troxler with 47 tautog. Eric Dorenus took pool honors on Sunday with a 9.3 pound black. The skipper noted that all of this was accomplished despite moon tides and expects the fishing to be even better as currents diminish. The best of the action took place around the tide changes and fiddlers accounted for most of the fish. Some sea bass to 2 pounds along with a few porgies are mixed with the blacks. Squid has been most effective on them. Neil is working the Kismet Reef and various bay wrecks.

"Some pretty good fluking now at the inlet," according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**. Carl added some good mixed bag catches were complied by his customers over the weekend. Porgies, sea bass and blackfish have been available on the Kismet Reef as well as on bay wrecks and rockpiles. Some very good blackfish scores racked up on the Kismet Reef in recent days. One customer put away 80 tautog on Saturday at the Reef. Some very fine sea bass action for those working the Fire Island Ocean Reef. Carl has seen bass to 4½ pounds taken from the reef in recent days. A real good run of tuna Sunday and Monday south of the Linda and southwest of the Virginia with chunkers doing nearly all of the damage. Carl noted that the Canyon was alive this week and weekend for chunkers and trollers. A reminder that Carl has green crabs and fiddlers in stock in addition to live eels.

From **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Bobby Sprenger spoke of lots of blackfish taken on bay reefs and wrecks this week. Some private boats checked in with catches of 70 to 80 tog. Small sea bass are in the bay near the R.M. Bridge while quality sea bass fishing is being found on the ocean reef.



These "cocktails" were trolled in 100' of water out side Fire Island Inlet July 19th by Jose Kline, Willy Kline and Edward Condra on the "Here We Are."

Good snapper fishing on the Walk with the best action this weekend in the early morning. Bobby weighed a 7.10 pound weak on Labor Day. It was taken by David Alazinki near the Sore Thumb.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** said that Saturday's ocean fluke trip produced 100 keepers with quite a few falling into the 3-4 pound class. Liesen Westerlind managed to deck a 6.7 pound fluke. Jeff Ruhl connected with a 6 pound flattie. Joe Ippoliti and his 9 year old son Nicholas combined to take 13 keepers up to 4 pounds. Steve Kiely clicked with a 6.3 pounder. On Sunday, poor fishing conditions due to a big heave resulted in a tough pick. Pool fish for the day was 6.15 pounds. Charlie did speak of a decent shot of sea bass on part of Sunday's trip. Monday he labeled a "bomb" as a big ground swell and moon tide resulted in fares taking just a couple of fish. Night bluefishing held up very good through the long weekend. On Friday through Sunday, Sailors Haven to the Patchogue Grounds produced very good fishing. Monday night saw some great action a little south of the Fire Island Ocean Reef. A reminder that the Joseph II will begin its ocean bottom fishing schedule this Saturday. It will sail daily at 7AM for sea bass, blackfish and porgies. The last ocean fluke trip is slated for this Friday.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** said that a big heave and moon tides conspired to make for some tough fluking on Monday's ocean trip. Just a few fluke were taken along with a 4½ pound sea bass. Last Monday and Tuesday were okay however. Tuesday was better than Monday with 93 keepers caught. Eighty percent of the fish caught were in the 2-5 pound class and the pool was a 7½ pounder decked by Larry Singer. A good number of sea bass were mixed with the fluke. A reminder here also that the Miss Captree will begin its ocean bottom fishing trips on Wednesday at 8AM. Carl will be concentrating on big ocean sea bass, porgies and blackfish. Current sea bass reports have been very en-

couraging.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** spoke of good fluking outside the inlet on Thursday and Friday. He figured 100 keepers on Thursday's trip and 130 on Friday's. Most of the fish were in the 2-4 pound class with pools settled by 4½ to 5 pound flatties. He also noted that there was some improvement on fluking inside the inlet as well. Night bluefishing was labeled as super every night with fish ranging from 4 to 12 pounds. Some trips have seen shots at 2-3 pounders. George noted that the boat is now sailing full day fluke at 9AM as well as night blues.

John Gattuso at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon** said that most boatmen enjoyed a banner week with tuna. He also reminded that there is currently no market for tuna, bluefin or yellowfin, and he suggested releasing any fish you cannot use yourself. A number of boatmen returned to the docks on the weekend with big tuna scores only to find no one wanted them. John reported a 110 pound bluefin and an 85 pound yellowfin taken southeast of the Linda aboard the 'Capt. Hook' on Sunday. They were chunked. On Labor Day, Fred Corbett teamed with Pete Nowinski aboard Pete's "Miss Ellie". The pair worked 140' of water SE of the Inlet and chunked 4 bluefins and 1 yellowfin. Joe Winters ran his "Black Swan" to the Canyon on Saturday. His chunking efforts were rewarded with 12 mixed tuna. Inside the bay there was some encouraging news concerning the fall blackfishing. Some nice catches of blacks to 8 pounds already being made on the Kismet Reef. Fiddlers and green crabs are both in stock.

Nearby at **Babylon Fishing Station**, George Stevenson also made a plea to boatmen to release any unwanted tuna as Japanese buyers are currently taking no fish at all. He did note that tuna fishing was excellent with everybody returning to the docks with bluefins and yellowfins. On Sunday, the 'Tork I' returned with a 57 pound bluefin for Bruce Browner and a 56 pounder for Tom Theling. They were caught at the Virginia. John Nesson managed to sneak an 85 pound mako out from amongst all of the tuna. It was taken aboard the 'Capt. Hook' on Saturday. The crew aboard the 'Pelican' returned from the Bacardi on Saturday with 9 bluefin and 3 yellowfin between 40 and 75 pounds. Same day, 'Hydro Therapy' chunked 6 tuna on the Linda. George knew of some big catches made by chunkers at the Canyon on the weekend. One boat returned with 30 mixed tuna. Schuyler Watts returned from the Canyon on his 'My Mary' with 2 longfins and some dolphin which were trolled at the Canyon. Not all the news concerned tuna. Anthony Sciubba treked out to Montauk last Tuesday and returned from the North Rips with an 8 pound fluke. Locally, the best bet for sinker bouncers has been the Kismet Reef which has produced plenty of early blacks along with some sea bass and porgies.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani and Tom Healy also relayed word of a fine weekend for tuna fans chunking on most local wrecks. Pat Thompson landed her first tuna ever on Saturday. The 50 pound yellowfin was taken board the 'Sinn-Esse.' Inshore, some very good blackfishing underway at Kismet and at the R.M. Bridge. Russ Snyder had 12 blacks to 6 pounds at Kismet on Monday. Walter Arnold worked the R.M. Bridge abuntments on Friday and reported catching "probably 100 blacks." He kept 24 of the largest which weighed from 4-6 pounds and returned the rest. Fluke fishing showed some improvement. One customer worked the lighthouse area Labor Day morning and in addition to 8 keeper fluke to 22 inches, he also boated a 9 pound weakfish. The Steffens Family worked the Squaw Island area on Saturday and put away 18 keeper fluke. Rich Younker swam a live bunker in Fire Island Inlet on Friday. A 19½ pound striper found the baitfish to his liking. A reminder that the shop is well stocked with live eels. Very good snapper fishing continues at the Wellwood Ave. Dock and Venetian Shores.

A good weekend for offshore anglers according to Jimmy Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle**. Several customers reported good action at the west wall of the Canyon, others enjoyed good chunking action on local wrecks like the Yankee, Linda and Virginia. George Sholer and Bill Schliemann chunked yellowfins of 41 and 37 pounds over the Linda on Saturday. Not all of the tuna action went to chunkers. Kevin Fey trolled a pair of bluefins on Green Machines south of the Yankee on Saturday. This was after a futile chunking effort. Still plenty of bluefish around. Nick Decico and Elene Underhill teamed up on Thursday night to take 22 blues

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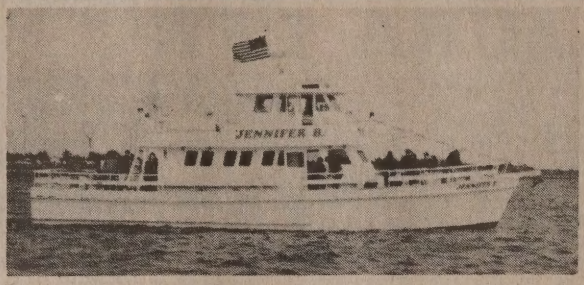

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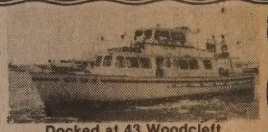

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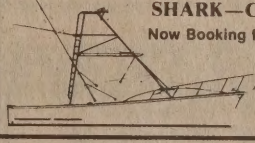

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Bob Rose over at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** said that most offshore anglers managed to tangle with tuna over the weekend. Many more fish were lost than landed since anglers often had to drop down to very light lines to induce strikes. Ed Unkel put away a pair of bluefins up to 150 pounds aboard his 'Tin Man Too' on Saturday at the Linda. Same day, Barry Mack had a pair of bluefins to 130 pounds on his 'Cathy's Too.' The Blackjack returned from a chunking venture to the Virginia with a pair of yellowfins on Saturday. Fluke attracting little attention now with most anglers directing their attention to blackfish on the Kismet Reef or flounder. Some pretty fair floundering already in the Sore Thumb Pocket and near the bridges to the west. Small porgies are at the Copiague Hole and lots of snappers still being taken from all local docks.

Hot tuna fishing over the weekend was the word from Frank Pristera at **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**. Virtually all the fish were being taken by chunkers with an occasional catch reported by trollers. One such exception was the 'J.C. Hooker' which trolled 3 tuna on Sunday. The fish were chunked at the Linda and the Virginia with most of the fish in the 40 to 100 pound class. Bluefins dominated the action but yellowfins were taken as well. Many boatmen reported encountering plenty of tuna but with fussy appetites. As a result, light lines were required to induce strikes, and many

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fish were being fought but lost. The 'Rum & Coke' worked the Patchogue Grounds one day this week to the tune of 65 blues. While most were in the 8 to 10 pound range, they did have an 18.8 pounder top the catch. Diamond jigs with red and green tubes fished on the Patchogue Grounds turned the trick. Frank and his crew aboard the 'Cookie Monster' worked east to the R.M. Bridge on Monday and put away 6 keeper fluke. Frank figured the keeper ratio at 1:5. He added that there was some very nice sized blowfish being caught in the Sore Thumb Pocket.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Probably the most newsworthy events of the week were the big shots of tuna at the Virginia and Mud Hole areas, followed by the tremendous pick up in the fall blackfishing at the local bridges. Along with that, the bluefishing continues to be phenomenal just about everywhere you turn. Fluking has improved considerably keeper-wise also the flounder activity has perked considerably, especially off the Short Beach Coast Guard station. Snappers are abundant while there is fair to good BCC activity, especially around the docks and piers. Good mixed catches of stripers, blues and weakfish at the bridges on live or fresh bunker, day and night, but better at night.

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We hear from **Old Harbour Marina in Seaford** that the rental skiffs have been bringing back more fluke this past week, anywhere from 7 to 12 keepers per boat. Monday and Tuesday saw very good results and then, of course, the weather moved in. Rentals on the weekend had mixed bags of fluke, flounder, some sea bass and crabs, with crabbing best done on the flats and from the docks with scoop nets. Best snapper fishing has been on the outgoing and the snappers are good sized.

Danny at **Merrick Tackle in Bellmore** heard of tuna catches at the Virginia. Very good catches of bluefish were made by customers this week fishing 40 to 45 feet of water, both east and west of Jones along the beaches. Umbrellas were the weapons of choice.

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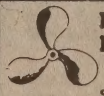

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pound away on the two a day fluke trips, with enough keepers being taken to keep customers interested and with an upturn noted this week. Night bluefishing has also been dynamite on the boat.

Over at **Lou's Fishing Station** at the mouth of Woodcleft Canal, comes word that the flounder activity was a lot stronger this week on blood and sand worm. The bridges are holding nice mixed bags of blacks, sea bass and porgies. Sea bass have been a good item on the inshore wrecks, rocks and reefs, while the fluking outside continued good, particularly to the east. Bluefishing has been a bonanza particularly at Cholera and buoy 4 days and 17 fathoms at night. Two private boats, said Lou, came in with 28 yellowfin tuna 60 to 90 lbs., chummed, but he did not know from what area. We suspect it's the Virginia area.

Aboard the **Captain Lou Fleet** this week, skipper Mike Danon says the fluking continued to be good with high hooks of 10 to 12 keepers per trip, most of the week, with fish going up to 7 lbs. On the half day flounder boat, Pat Nealon of Texas had 16 flatties, Peter Ringer 6, Dan Doughty 21 flounder and on Sunday, Steve Pasetti had a total of 40 fish to fill out his mixed bag.

Aboard the charter boat **Freedom** this week, 18 keeper fluke were hoisted on Wednesday's trip in the State Channel at Zachs Bay on killie and smelt on incoming water for Larry Lieberman, Sylvia Kessler, Milton Redstone, Bud Stone and Saul Schadorf. Friday's trip for the jack Larsen group loaded up on blues fishing bait at 17 Fathoms.

A call from the **Lady J Fleet** told of a decent week of bluefishing, with bait and chum now being employed on the day trips to make life easier. Fish ran 3 to 4 lbs. and action has been a half to one hour from the inlet. This week's fluke trips saw a hike in the keeper ratio. Trips were sailed this week for: Freeport Tuna Club, Gary Schmaltz, Eddie Ehrlich, Donna Johnson, Joel Klein, Jerry Frohlich, Jim Walsh group, Horst Ehinger and Al Paladino.

Captain Richie Kessinger of the **Star Stream II** says his day and night trips for blues have been consistent all week long, both day and night, jigging days and baiting at night. Fish have been averaging 4 to 8 lbs. with pool fish of the week running 10 to 17 lbs. Action has been no more than 17 miles from the inlet, mostly fishing the mud buoy at night and running east southeast out of Jones days.

A call from the charter boat **Ancristo** told of excellent bluefish trolling from buoy 4 up along the beach on tubes and spoons, taking 45 blues to 12½ lbs., with multiple hook-ups on umbrellas. On a shark trip one mako was taken SE of the Mud Hole, while the tuna action was found slow due to the presence of a lot of whales in the area along with mucho boats. Friday's trip for Tony

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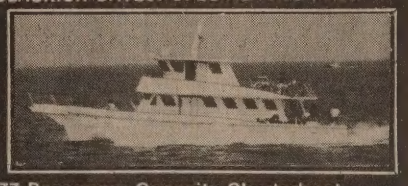

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and pals ended up with 44 bonito and 22 albacore to 20 lbs. along with mixed blues west of the Mud Hole. Spearing bait and small hooks were the winning ticket. Large tuna invaded the slick but couldn't be held on the light tackle. Sunday's AM charter had lots of fluke action with some keepers, while the PM charter working Big M had sea bass, blacks and a few flounder. The skipper asked us to call to your attention that on Sundays he is accepting half day charters for the AM and PM.

Over at **Sea Isle,** we learn that Sunday at the Virginia on the private boat, Twin Hooks in a three hour bite, 11 BFT, 2 bigeyes and 1 YFT along with a 26 lb. dolphin were chunked. The tunas ran 50 to 100 lbs. There was also rumor of tuna at the canyon again. Tuna was excellent through Wednesday in 110 feet of water and at the Mud Hole, fish to 150 lbs. This was all on butterfish. Inside, black-fishing has been great at the bridges, blacks mixed to 5 lbs. Flounder have been "pretty decent" both off the CG Station and Big M. Blues, weaks and bass mixed at night at the bridges on bunker. These fish also being taken off the beaches from West End II to Beach 9. Small scup off the piers. Please note that the store now carries fresh butters for the weekend.

Out of **Point Lookout**, skipper Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** advises that now's the time to come down and bag up on bluefish, there's plenty of room on the boat and tons of fish to be caught. Fares have had excellent catches all week to the tune of 2 to 3 burlap bags a man on jigs and on bait. Blues are running 4 to 15 lbs. and there are plenty of them. Days range from very good to super with the night trips being excellent and action 10 to 15 miles from the inlet, just a short run. Saturday night was a 2 burlap bag a man night.

Captain Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout** wound up the season's fluking in good fashion, he said, with Wednesday's tally being roughly 140 keeper fluke for the day. On the weekend regular Mike bagged the pool. Art Genowitz got his third pool for the week, while Marv Lipshonsky bagged Sunday's pool. Night blue-fishing continues to be a slaughter with fish being yanked non-stop, with pools in the high teens. Most fish are running 4 to 8 lbs. Ron says the boat will continue fishing 7 nights a week just as long as people come down. Please note the boat has now switched over to flounder for the day trips.

Richie Keene at **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** knew of a lot of yellowfin

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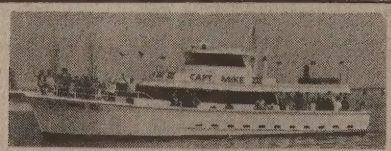

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action for those chunking at the south end of the Mud Hole. Blues in 30 to 50 feet of water trolled up with not too much problem from Jones to Debs. Fluking a lot better this week in Reynolds, especially behind the high school. Snapper fishing has been great, he said, but blue claws fair. Schoolie bass being clam chummed at the bridges.

NEW YORK BIGHT

At **Skippy's Tackle in East Rockaway**, Skip told of an increase in the fluking action this week with more keepers around, off the beaches and in the inlets. Weaks and bass a good item day and night at the bridges on bunker for the larger fish and bellies for the smaller. Good floundering this week on bloods in the hole off the CG station. Bay Park continues to have good snapper action along with BCCs. Porgies have been very good in the Swift Creek area of Bay Park.

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle in Howard Beach** says there's been lots of small porgies taken on sand and blood worms along with lots of snappers on any moving tide off both bridges. A lot of blackfish taken this week, 2 to 3 pounders on fiddlers and a lot of small blues on chunks, with whole live bunker tempting the bigger blues. Jigs also accounting for some blues. Fluking has taken an upswing in Jamaica Bay with averages running 30 keepers a boat on killie and squid, particularly around the Marine Parkway bridge.

Over in **Sheepshead Bay**, Captain Tom of the **Elsie K III** who is now concentrating on the doormat fluke says this past week has seen very good fluke catches with best action at the channels, fish 4 to 6 lbs. Big fish of the week was a 10 lber. landed by Brooklyn angler Milton Sara.

Aboard the **Zephyr V**, Captain Butch told of a very good week of fluking at Ambrose and New Channel, from the 1 to the 19 buoy and along the Jersey coast. Every day has seen about a half dozen fish in the 5 to 7 lb. range, with a few 9 lbers. caught this week. Butch says the movement is starting with the fish getting ready to leave and that NOW is the time to land a doormat. Night bluefishing trips continued excellent on 5 to 9 lb. choppers on bait at 17 Fathoms.

Captain Tommy of the **Pilot II** has been catching nice size sea bass to 3 lbs. and larger and more porgies to 1½ lbs. Blacks are building with a 6½ lber. taken this week, also nabbing the pool. Fall action is on the upswing, he said.

We learn from Capt. Walt of the **Flamingo III** that the blues have been extra good this week on the day and night trips with gorillas being more predominant now. Most fish have run 8 to 14 lbs. on both diamonds and on bait. Night action has been super offshore Highlands, "The Dump"

and at 17. It's going to be a great fall for the jumbos said Walt. Some bonito and albacore were mixed in with the week's catch.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Full moon tides made bottom fishing somewhat difficult, but bluefish mania was the rule from West to East. Good late season fluking was available in most areas as well.

WESTERN SOUND

John Palmieri at **John's Gun and Tackle** in New Rochelle spoke excitedly about schools of bluefish chasing bunker along the northern shore of the Sound. Choppers and slammers to 14 lbs. were plugged by anglers off Hudson Park on Sunday morning while New Rochelle, Larchmont and Milton Harbors also had their innings. There were a few bass to 30 lbs. mixed with the bluefish at night. Prospect Point, Sands Point and shoals all the way to the Throgs Neck Bridge had some keeper fluke among shorts.

Jack's Bait on City Island reported blues off Steppingstone Light, Execution Light and Jack Rumpf also suggested porgy fishing around Gangway Rock, Harts Island, Fort Slocum and the Sands Point light. Fluke spots included City Island and Eastchester Bay.

Tony Calo at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** mentioned a lot of short bass released by plug casters as well as bluefish to 12 lbs. Anglers in the area were scoring by trolling or fishing bunker chunks.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** had a pretty good weekend on bluefish off Stratford, Norwalk and Eatons Neck buoy 11B. The biggest fish of the week went about 17 lbs. Friday provided an extra shot of fish in the New Rochelle harbor, a great way to start the trip.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** was fishing for scup off Eatons, Asharoken and reefs around buoy 11B. Average catches were 12 fish per fare or more with around 8 large fish per angler in the 1 to 2 lb. class. The largest fish were in deep water and there were a few tautog showing, too.

Carl Giangrande of the **Reliable** was enjoying fine fluke fishing around Ambrose and Staten Island. The week was highlighted by a couple of doormats in the 10 lb. class plus a lot of 5 lbers. More keepers than throwbacks

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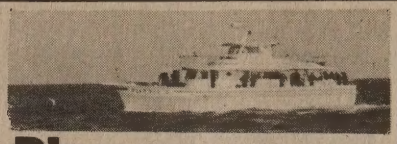

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Seven year old Jonathan Scarduzio with some of the many blues he and his dad Jack caught in Raritan Bay back on July 18. Photo courtesy of John's Gun and Tackle in New Rochelle.

could be found in 50 foot depths were four ounces of lead was the standard. Labor Day found the boat fishing scup and bottomfish around Bayville, Center Island, Larchmont and Mamaroneck. Action was spotty.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** in Huntington Station felt that the WICC never ended when Joe Carter walked into the shop with a 19.63 lber. on Monday. Carter's fish was taken on a trolled plug, but there were many fish in the 17 to 19 lb. class taken during the week, along with some short bass. Scup to 1½ lbs. between 11B and buoy 13 and a few fluke off Sand City and Lloyds rounded out the catch. Mel Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sport** weighed an 18 lb. slammer on Sunday, a fish that was taken 200 yards offshore at Makamah on a bunker. Fleischmann was selling a lot of Creek Chub poppers in 1½ oz. sizes in chrome or mackerel finishes.

According to the Cedars at **Huntington Prop**, Jim Frevola found 9 tautog in lobster pots south of Buoy 13 while Andy Carver and William Johnson had 80 scup to 1½ lbs. along with three summer weakfish. Bill Arato and Bill Potts managed some nice bluefish to 17 lbs. in Cold Spring Harbor. Tom Augello had a pair of nice trout, a brookie of 13 inches and a rainbow of 15, in the Nissequogue.

Candy Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson noted some larger scup to 2 lbs. in 70 feet of water off Old Field along with a very few tautog. Bluefish were everywhere in the harbor on Monday with fish in the 6 to 12 lb. class present. Fluke off buoy 11 were mostly shorts.

Al Sturges at the **Complete Angler** in Miller Place had some good fishing on a whole tide in 60 feet of water with bunker chunks. He loaded up on blues in the 10 to 15 lb. class. Sturges also told us that the weekend provided fast action on two successive mornings around Cedar Beach.

At **Ralph's Fishing Station** in Mount Sinai the largest fish of the week included a 22 lb. sand shark and a 12 lb. weakfish. Bill at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that Jim Paulsen scored with a 9 lb. fluke off Crane's Neck.

Rich Corcoran at **Warren's** in Selden suggested that anglers off Mount Sinai had really about 1½ hours around dawn for their best fishing on blues to 12 lbs. off the beach. Fred Laager at **Edelman's** told us that his father, Creston, along with Matt Gaias caught 18 blues to 12 lbs. on poppers in Port Jeff harbor. Carl Cangliosi had a nice catch of tautog to 5 lbs. off the Shoreham Pipe on clams.

Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** expects to keep going on night blues as long as 15 or more anglers show up, perhaps for another two weeks. Early in the week catches were so good as to be uncountable, but action faded on the weekend to only a couple

of fish. The Middle Grounds had fish from mini-sizes all the way to 12 lbs. Bottom fishing had become difficult on the moon tides, but there were plenty of small scup inshore. The waning moon should bring better angling in the deeper waters by next weekend. Fred Mildner of the **Hawkeye** had an 11½ lb. weak for Lou Rothbart's charter last week along with some 50 choppers. The Spiros' charter diamond jigged 65 choppers to 9 lbs. from mid-Sound.

Capt. John Alberda of **Sound Charters** reported a catch of 65 blues to 12 pounds and 4 bass to 34 inches for Bill Womack and a friend on Friday. Pat Tetrault and friends combined for 60 blues to 16.5 pounds along with a 10 pound striper. John is now booking fall run stripers but reminded that weekends are closing up fast. Special afternoon trips are available with the emphasis on diamond jigging.

NORTH FORK

By far the best catch of the season so far was Chet Berry's 70½ lb. striped bass, taken Sunday morning in the Sluiceway on a green bucktail. The giant linesider was taken on 60 lb. Ande and could qualify as a new 80 pound class record; it was weighed at **Pleasures of the Sea.**

Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle Center** in Aquebogue told us that there had been some fast action arond dark for chunkers using butterfish and bunker off the Mattituck Inlet jetty. Tuesday and Thursday nights were reported by one regular to have been quite good.

Phil Loria at Captain Marty's saw a number of boats with five or six nice summer weakfish to 4 lbs. The average catch of porgies from the Middle Grounds and buoy 30 was about 30 scup ranging up to 1¼ lbs.

Ace Cottral at **Pleasures of the Sea** told us that Richie Jensen's **Nancy Ann** had scored on bass for five successive nights, taking limits and releasing many fish over the 33 inch limit, including at least one 50 lber. Pigeon Rip was better than the Race for bluefish and the Gut seemed fairly quiet. There were some school weaks taken from Southold Bay and tautog to 5 lbs. around Great Gull.

Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** described a very fine outing for six Lady Reelers on the **Prowler.** The group averaged almost 50 fish per person with Juanita Venables high hook on scup, tautog and sea bass.

Bluefish were feeding on local shiner schools from Horton's Point to the pipeline, according to Maureen Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station.** There were some stray weaks around the Motel, and a pair of fish, 10 and 12 lbs. were taken by scup anglers last week, as well. Porgy fishing had picked up for the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station**, too. One

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trophy bass of 41 lbs. was taken on a live eel off Horton's Point on Sunday morning.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time III** enjoyed some fine fluking off Gardiner's on Sunday. He felt that the fluke fishing was excellent on enough days to make the effort worthwhile, but he may mix tautog angling with soft baits on some trips later in the week. His catch on Sunday included 40 keepers, averaging better than 3 lbs. with an 8½ lber. the top fish for the day! John Rainis of the **Sea Star** went down to Montauk with a party of 25 on Sunday and got only one drift before the boat's clutch went; however, he had 25 fluke, three blues and two bonito on that drift. Rainis plans another outing to the Point next Sunday and those who are interested should call for reservations. Rainis told us that tautog action has also been very good during the week with buckets of blackfish to 6 lbs. on soft bait.

Both the **Peconic Star** and the **Brand X** carried awesome crowds over the weekend. Dave Brennan had 104 anglers on Saturday, 55 on Sunday, but everyone caught nicely off Gardiner's. Some of the fish were "market large" in that area; Fisher's and New London have been more difficult, according to Larry Porter, but there are fluke to 6 lbs. and flounder to 2½ lbs. as a bonus. Moon tides will affect the fishing over the next few days, after which things should become easier.

Pete Izzo of the **Boanne II** explained that the only time you miss bluefish is on slack water! The high tide is the best in Pigeon Rip for fish from 3 to 7 lbs. However, a number of fish in the 8 to 10 lb. class showed there on Saturday. Izzo mixed some bottom fishing for scup, tautog and fluke on Sunday, but he'll be sailing at least another week on the day trips for blues as an open boat, as long as the fans keep coming aboard.

East End reporter joined Rosemarie Fedorco on Captain Tony Lo's charter boat, "Fish a Lot" on Sunday, in quest of big fluke on Montauk's South Side. They returned to **Port of Egypt** with several fluke, the largest a pair of 8 pounders. The big fish were caught on high slack tide on large fluke belly strips.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The arrival of September put a new face on the Long Island surf picture with consistent fishing developing in several areas. The calendar also served to mobilize hordes of casters who had been dormant through the summer months.

Out at **Montauk** it looks as if what has become a traditional run of blues during September has once again punched the clock. Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** reports that blues have been solid at the Point and also on the sand beaches at Hither Hills since last Thursday when lots of blues were taken up front and at Hither Hills. Blues were at Hither Hills all day long on Friday and the fishing continued through the weekend from North Bar to Turtle Cove with the best fishing in the morning or evening. Also some solid action with school bass after dark on darters and Needlefish. Bob Tiderman managed 7 school bass along with a bunch of blues working after dark Labor Day night. There has also been a pick of weakfish ongoing at False and North Bars. Thursday and Friday nights saw most casters with at least one and some with a couple of weaks each. Concerning the blues, John noted that as we spoke on Tuesday morning, the fish were again in solid up front. Both poppers and tin working equally well on the fish.

From **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton**, a heavy run of blues along the Town's ocean beaches from the east side of the Inlet east to Mecox. Most are 3-5 pounds with some larger choppers mixing in along with an occasional bass. Most of the fish being taken early mornings and evenings. Both Saturday and Sunday were hot along this stretch of oceanfront.

From **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello said that blues have been in and out along the Smith Point shore this past week. A few bass have been mixed with them. There has been no pattern to the action other than bait has been working well on some bigger blues after dark. Paul noted that the beach remains in bad shape after the weekend's heavy surf and moon tide. Some local surfmen have been working the north shore. Ozzie Van Helmond and his son Greg have been using popping plugs and darters along the Stony Brook shore regularly. Both are Patchogue Fishing Club members. Fellow club member Bob Antici has been doing his work at Shinnecock Inlet. On Tuesday night, he used bunker chunks during the night to take 7 bass from 9 to 12

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	10:20	10:45	11:15	11:35	11:05	11:25	11:55	—	1:50	2:05	1:25	1:45	10:15	10:35	9/10
FRI.	11:10	11:30	—	12:05	11:55	—	12:25	12:40	2:35	2:50	2:15	2:35	11:00	11:25	9/11
SAT.	11:55	—	12:20	12:45	12:15	12:45	1:15	1:35	3:25	3:40	3:05	3:25	11:50	—	9/12
SUN.	12:20	12:40	1:10	1:35	1:05	1:35	2:05	2:30	4:20	4:35	3:55	4:20	12:10	12:40	9/13
MON.	1:10	1:30	2:05	2:30	1:55	2:25	3:05	3:30	5:25	5:50	4:50	5:15	1:05	1:35	9/14
TUES.	2:00	2:25	3:00	3:30	2:50	3:20	4:10	4:35	6:35	7:00	5:50	6:15	2:05	2:40	9/15
WED.	3:00	3:25	4:05	4:35	3:50	4:20	5:20	5:35	7:40	8:05	6:55	7:15	3:10	3:40	9/16
THURS.	4:10	4:30	5:05	5:35	5:00	5:20	6:20	6:30	8:35	9:00	7:50	8:10	4:10	4:35	9/17

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/10	6:34	7:20
FRI. 9/11	6:35	7:18
SAT. 9/12	6:36	7:16
SUN. 9/13	6:37	7:14
MON. 9/14	6:38	7:12
TUE. 9/15	6:39	7:10
WED. 9/16	6:40	7:08

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/10	8:40PM	9:45AM
FRI. 9/11	9:05PM	10:55AM
SAT. 9/12	9:35PM	12:10PM
SUN. 9/13	10:15PM	1:15PM
MON. 9/14	11:00PM	2:20PM
TUE. 9/15	11:50PM	3:15PM
WED. 9/16	—	4:05PM

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
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Fri.	8:35	2:25	9:00	2:45
Sat.	9:30	3:30	9:55	3:40
Sun.	10:25	4:15	10:55	4:40
Mon.	11:20	5:10	11:50	5:35
Tues.	—	6:00	12:10	6:25
Wed.	12:40	6:45	12:55	7:15
Thurs.	1:30	7:35	1:45	8:00

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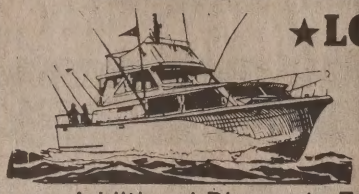

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pounds. At daybreak Wednesday, popping plugs turned the trick for 17 blues in the 2-4 pound class.

The Fire Island area continues to produce some substantial stripers. The biggest to come to our attention this week was a 45 pound cow taken Thursday evening on a tin and tube combo by Andy "The Bucktail". The big fish was snagged in the tail and nearly stripped Andy's reel before he was able to work the fish back to the beach.

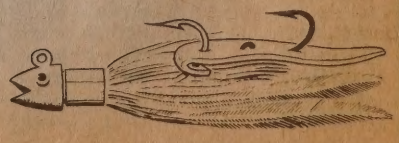
Jim Romano at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** put a 36 pound bass on the scales for Roger Holowinski. It was taken Saturday morning after daybreak on a popping plug. Bobby Sprenger of **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported putting a 32.6 pound striper on the scale for John Minutillo on Saturday. It was reported taken at Robert Moses.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Tom Healy checked a 24 pound striper for John 'The Baptist' on the weekend. Steve Petri, Jr. used a live eel to take an 18¾ pound striper Labor Day morning. Both fish came from Fire Island Inlet.

Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** reported that a couple of customers have been working over big blues at Miller Place, Cedar Beach and Cold Spring Harbor on the north shore. Popping plugs and bait have both produced well along these Sound beaches. Ira Marder found a 10 pound striper on a bunker chunk in Smithtown Bay. Dave reminded that they have live eels in stock as does Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle.

Over at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst**, Jimmy Schaefer looked over a catch of big blues taken on bait at Cedar Beach early Tuesday morning, just prior to our speaking. He also told of weighing a 12.3 pound blue taken on a bunker chunk by Rich Orkwis Sunday evening. It was taken on the back side of Democrat. Joe Trupia and Steve Frost worked the ocean side of Democrat last Tuesday night with mackerel chunks. They put away 6 blues up to 15 pounds.

Speaking from **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** in **Lynbrook**, Richie Keene reported that casters have been picking away at blues at West End-Jones Beach mornings and evenings. Poppers and bunker chunks have both been effective. Some weakfish around the Jones Beach area also. One High Hill Striper Club member who prefered anonymity checked in weaks of 12 and 8 pounds Thursday night. He reported returning 4 others. A few weaks also taken at Point Lookout on bait earlier in the week. Some school bass activity also at West End on and around the jetty. Fish are being taken during the night and into daybreak on Bombers and Rebels.



Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Right on schedule, summer has ended and freshwater fishing has begun to take on a decidedly fall flavor. The weeds on some lakes are already beginning to recede and bass, pickerel and trout all seem to be responding to the lowly declining water temperatures. While not many lunkers are being taken, some medium sized fish are beginning to prowl with regularity, serving as an appetizer of fall action to come.

Hempstead Lake and Grant Park are starting to come alive with bass and pickerel according to Bill Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**. Most of the fish range from small to medium, but some as large as 6 pounds have been reported. Lures, especially topwater plugs and poppers along the lines of Heddon's Tiny Torpedo, are provoking the most strikes.

Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, Mike Nicoletti indicated that the bass fishing has been productive over the last week. Fishing in the Twin Lakes has produced three to four fish a night for anglers tossing white or yellow spinnerbaits. About 80 percent of the largemouths have been legal sized. Shop regular Walter had three "keeper" bass and an 18 inch pickerel on Saturday. Mike added that anglers fishing the west side of the north lake are scoring well with crappie; small white grubs have been the key.

A call to **Edelman's Sportsman's Center, Centereach**, put us in touch with resident freshwater expert Fred Laager, who filed the following reports. On Fort Pond, Jimmy Erlich used a green Hula Hopper to nail a 4.3 lb. bass during the week. On the weekend, Brian McCuthchen worked a silver Mepps spinner to the tune of 20 small bass in Setauket Mill Pond. Brian also nailed a 5 lb. carp while dunking doughballs.

On the waters of Lake Ronkonkoma, Richie at **Pine Grove Outfitters,** reports anglers are having a bit of a tough time convincing the bass to strike. Panfishing is about average and no one has checked in any tiger muskies for awhile now. Rich did have one bragging sized fish to talk about: a 37 inch, 3.25 lb. eel which surprised him over the weekend.

This week witnessed some very good trout fishing on the Connetquot River according to Dave at **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**. While most of the fish were "average sized," some anglers connected with as many as 30 a session inside the park this week. Dries, nymphs and streamers

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Cheryl Murphy with an 11½ lb. lake trout, one of many taken by her and her husband Bill, during a trip with Fantasy Charters on Lake Ontario.

are all accounting for fish. No word on bass in the local ponds.

George Rose and myself had a chance to squeeze in a few mid-afternoon hours from the bank of Kahler's Pond in East Moriches last Sunday. While I was shut-out, George did manage a huge yellow perch that looked to be 13 to 14 inches long. While we were fishing, 13 year old Damon Rasmussen of Manorville, stopped by to show off a whopper of a catfish that he caught while fishing a lake at the Pine Hills Golf Course. This big cat weighed 12 pounds! Obviously not a bullhead, I think it was a channel cat that may have been placed in the lake.

Patchogue Lake is producing some good bass action according to John at **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue.** Fish to 3 lbs., with night crawlers out-producing lures. Over in Tuthill's Creek, a few anglers are beginning to score with sea run trout.

On the Peconic River, Mrs. Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli, Riverhead,** termed the fishing "pretty good." Anglers are still catching well and the size of the fish has improved, too. Mr. J. Columbo of Port Jefferson was out on Sunday and he connected with several bass to 3.6 lbs. As have many of the more successful fishermen working the stretch of river behind the shop this season, Mr. Columbo took his fish mostly on willow leaf spinners.

Ken Josephson of **Crazy Chief Ski and Sport, Hunter Mt.,** was elated with this past week's rainfall in the Catskill area. The rain not only brought water levels in the local streams back up to normal, it also stimulated quite a few 10 to 12 inch trout to feed. Spinners outproduced other lures this week.

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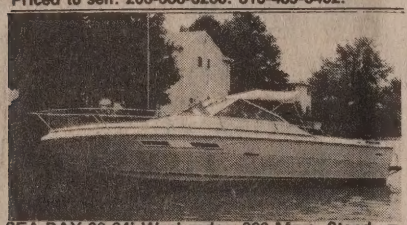

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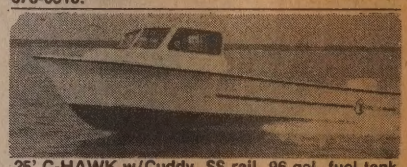

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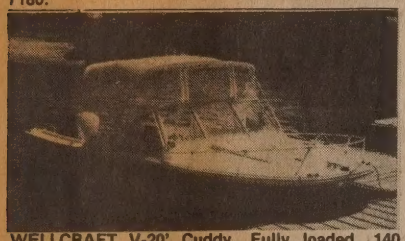

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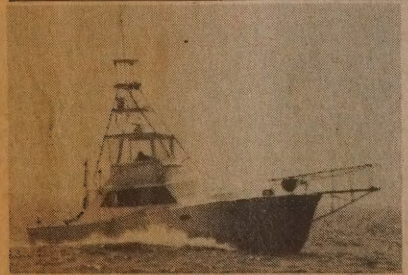

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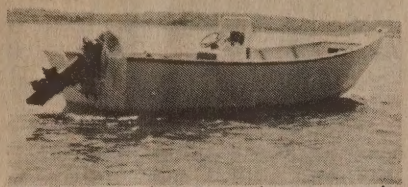

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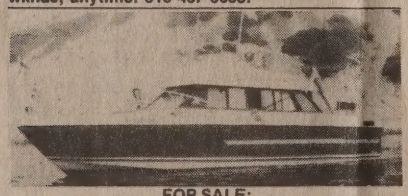

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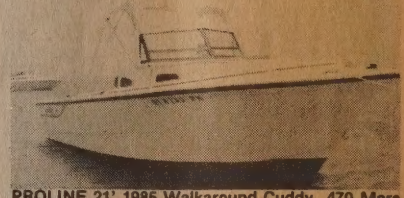

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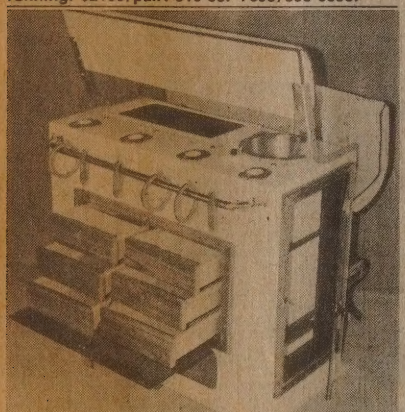

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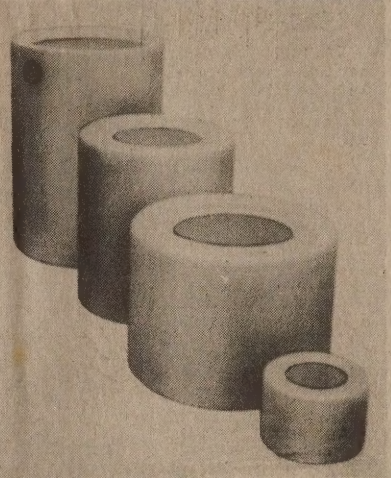

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